

Sanatoga Animal Hospital

Serving You and Your Pet's Needs All Pandemic Long

The COVID-19 pandemic has irrevocably changed our lives. Not only have we all shifted to wearing masks and keeping our distance. We have all lost someone. Every day we miss our loved ones and honor them by continuing to mitigate the spread of this virus. Wearing masks, not gathering in groups, and choosing to wave to Grandma from the street are measures that save lives. Though perhaps it is becoming tiresome, they are important. Let's continue to save lives for our whole community.

For our veterinary practice, we have completely adjusted our day-to-day appointment protocol. Since March 2020, we have not allowed clients into the building for everyone's safety. Our appointments are done over the phone or over video chat, while the patient is in the exam room with us. This has drastically changed how we interact with our clients and even with the patients themselves! We must say: we miss you all! However, we know this sacrifice is worth it to keep us all safe.

Did you know that your pet can get COVID-19? Though it is rare, if your dog or cat comes in close contact with someone sick with SARS-CoV-2, they could catch it and become ill. The good news is that there is little evidence showing that humans can catch this virus from pets. If you think your pet has caught COVID from you or someone ill, you should call us right away.

According to the CDC, symptoms in pets are very similar to symptoms in humans: fever, coughing, lethargy, and difficulty breathing. The best thing you can do to keep your pet safe from COVID is get all their vaccinations. You may be thinking, "What? How are they related?" Here's how: if your pet is fully vaccinated against all of the diseases we can prevent, it means that they'll be healthier longer. That way if your pets ever come into contact with someone infected by SARS-CoV-2, we know for a fact that they don't have any other diseases and as a result would have the maximum capacity to overcome any symptoms of COVID-19.

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Here's a list of preventative measures you can take for your pet!

Flea and tick prevention! Even if your pet doesn't go outside, it's possible that fleas and ticks can come into the house. The best thing to do is to ensure that even if those bugs bite your pet that they immediately fall off and die. Now that the weather is nice, these biters are out! Keep them out of your house and off your pet with a preventative medication.

Vaccines, vaccines, vaccines! Keeping your pets healthy isn't just about diet or yearly exams. Preventing illness through the use of vaccines is key, especially because certain illnesses such as leptospirosis can be passed onto humans and cause us harm too. There are lots of prevalent diseases that can be prevented from even happening and this way your pet stays happy and healthy!

Brushing their teeth! Investing time and care into your pet's teeth can help save you time and money later — and save your pet's teeth from being extracted. Use a pet toothpaste and pet toothbrush and rub the outside of their teeth at least every other day to keep them clean. At the very least, you can use a hygienic solution

spray bottle to spray the pet's teeth by aiming at the gum line to prevent plaque buildup that further prevents infection and keeps your pet free of any tooth pain.

Exercise and activity! It's important that your pet get the right amount of exercise in a given day. Playtime with your pet is a great way to bond with them and build trust. Show them your love by taking good care of their health with at least one walk a day for our canine friends, and playtime sessions indoors with our feline friends.

Annual Visits! Even when you know your pet is healthy, it's paramount to bring them in to us once a year. This allows us to check on their health and ensure that they receive the vaccines that they need. We might notice something that you haven't yet seen.

We hope that you never have to worry about your own health or your pet's health. However, it's best to be prepared and have the right information at your fingertips. Remember to mask up to save a life and to get vaccinated as soon as you can. Preventative care is our best bet at beating this pandemic.

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