

COMPANION ANIMALS AND THE NEW CORONAVIRUS

As a pet owner, you may have questions about COVID-19, or the new coronavirus.

Experts from the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) advise there is no evidence that companion animals such as dogs and cats could spread or transmit the virus that causes COVID-19.

For more information, please visit the dedicated websites:

- World Organisation for Animal Health – <https://www.oie.int/scientific-expertise/specific-information-and-recommendations/questions-and-answers-on-2019novel-coronavirus/>
- World Health Organization – <https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses> and <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
- World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) – <https://wsava.org/news/highlighted-news/the-new-coronavirus-and-companion-animals-advice-for-wsava-members/>

The Global Alliance of Pet Food Associations (GAPFA) is a non-profit association, established in Belgium in 2014, representing national and regional pet food industry associations and companies of pet food manufacturers across the globe (13 Member Associations and 3 Corporate Members). GAPFA's mission is to support the health and wellbeing of dogs and cats and to promote the benefits of living with them, by providing a forum to address industry consensus on key issues of mutual interest. The Alliance works to promote adherence to food safety and nutritional standards enabling manufacturers to deliver wholesome, healthy and nutritious prepared pet foods; to promote the feeding of prepared pet food to support the health and wellbeing of pets; and to develop and disseminate educational resources which highlight and enhance the benefits of human pet interaction. For further information, please visit www.gapfa.org.