

# SALMON BROOK VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Salmon Brook would like to address concerns about COVID-19 and how it affects you and your pets. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, the primary concern is for human health. The virus causes flu-like symptoms in people, including mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. At this time, experts have not expressed concern about transmission to or from animals. Multiple international health organizations have indicated that pets and other domestic animals are not considered at risk for contracting COVID-19. If there is someone in your household that is symptomatic, they should limit their exposure to the pets in the house as a precaution to prevent transmission of the disease, by contact, to another person. As always, animal owners should continue to include pets and other animals in their emergency preparedness planning, including keeping a supply of food and medications on hand. We are allocating prescriptions and food to a 30-day supply.

If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or runny nose,) please reschedule any non-urgent appointments. Non-urgent appointments would include annual exams for healthy pets and recheck exams for ailments that are clearly resolving. If you need a prescription refilled, we can mail it to you. If you do not have any symptoms and are coming into the hospital, we ask that only one person accompanies your pet. We can also come out to your car and bring your pet inside.

We are taking every precaution to maintain a disease-free environment for our clients, patients, and staff. We will be open our normal hours. If you have any concerns, please call us at 860-653-7238.