

VETMED RESOURCE **HOT TOPIC:**

Pandemic pets

Pets have played an important role in supporting the emotional health of people during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sales of pets, particularly dogs, have soared; the increased time at home seen as the perfect opportunity to introduce a pet to the family. The 'pet boom' has increased the workload for many veterinarians and they have had to adapt to the challenges of COVID-19 and new working practices. With the easing of lockdown restrictions, there are animal welfare concerns, such as an increase in pet relinquishment and cases of separation anxiety as owners return to offices and social activities.

VetMed Resource contains a wealth of information on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on pets, their owners and veterinary professionals. Coverage includes the human-animal bond, animal welfare, challenges faced by the veterinary profession and veterinary students, and the potential for transmission of SARS-CoV-2 between humans and animals.

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VetMed Resource sources the world literature to provide the complete picture on veterinary aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic, including information on:

- **Human-animal bond:** pets have provided emotional support to their owners during the pandemic.
The effects of the Spanish COVID-19 lockdown on people, their pets, and the human-animal bond. Journal of Veterinary Behavior: Clinical Applications and Research, 2020
The influence of human-animal interactions on mental and physical health during the first COVID-19 lockdown phase in the U.K.: a qualitative exploration. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 2021
- **Animal welfare:** concerns include irresponsible breeding, lack of socialization, and post-lockdown increases in pet relinquishment and separation anxiety.
Locking down the impact of New Zealand's COVID-19 alert level changes on pets. Animals, 2021
COVID-19: implications of self-isolation and social distancing for the emotional and behavioural health of dogs. Companion Animal, 2020
- **Veterinary practice:** veterinarians have adapted to new working practices.
Social distancing impact on companion animal practice. Veterinary Record, 2020
Teleconsulting in the time of a global pandemic: application to anesthesia and technological considerations. Canadian Veterinary Journal, 2020
- **SARS-CoV-2 in pets:** cases have been reported in cats and dogs, but the risk of pets spreading the virus to people is considered to be low.
Household cases suggest that cats belonging to owners with COVID-19 have a limited role in virus transmission. Viruses, 2021
COVID-19 pandemic: current knowledge about the role of pets and other animals in disease transmission. Virology Journal, 2020

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– Grindlay D.J.C; Brennan, M.L.; Dean, R.S., 2012 Searching the Veterinary Literature: A Comparison of the Coverage of Veterinary Journals by Nine Bibliographic Databases. Journal of Veterinary Medical Education, 39(4), DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.3138/jvme.1111.109R>



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