

Covid-19 Lockdown Advice for Dog Owners.

As our fight against the virus continues each one will emerge as a winner. We feel the pain for all the pet parents and dog owners and can totally understand how difficult the lockdown is for animals because we cannot explain to them why suddenly out of the blue their lives have changed.

Sometimes we go over board because of the extra guilt of not being able to take them out and most times we are not giving any alone time to our dogs for resting.

Strike out the right balance. If it helps make a schedule and follow it religiously and believe me IT WORKS!!

Take a look at some of our frequently asked questions

-How can I keep my dog in a routine while I'm working from home?

•Set a schedule which should include physical and mental work outs for your dogs. Playing with toys on rotation eg. the toy you played with on a XYZ day should be kept away and made available only after a few days(this will ensure interest in the toy) make new toys at home. Internet is flooding with ideas on the same.

Give enough rest periods in between.

Plan your dogs play hours according to your convenience or work schedule but make sure the basic routine of food and elimination remains same.

-Can i sanitise my dogs fur when going out for a walk?

•We can clean our dogs post walk with a microfibre wet squeezed cloth with a few drops of betadine in it or alternatively use pet wipes. Incase washing their paws remember to dry them well to avoid fungal infections in the paw.

**Please DONOT sanitise your dogs paws and coat. Wrap it around your heads well!!
Sanitisers contain alcohol and we run a risk of alcohol poisoning.**

-Can I walk my dog outside?

•A lot of places locations are urging people to stay indoors. Incase you live in an area that clearly says NO to stepping out, please walk your dogs within the society premises. Incase you can step out ensure you go only upto 100mts from your home. Please don't venture out too much.

There are no confirmed instances of transmission of Coronavirus (COVID-19) from pets to people. However, the virus could be passed from person to person via a surface such as a dog's fur, collar and lead. Please be careful and conscious!!

-Can I still take my dog to the vet?

•YES. Vet visits are essential activities. Speak to your dog's vet and find out the best possible way to reach them. Also digital passes and calling for an ambulance is an option

-Can I meet my friends and their dogs for a walk?

•NO. This is something we can all avoid. Maintain social distancing of minimum 2 mts incase you bump into a friend walking their dog/s too.

DONOT touch anyone's dog and also politely refuse if anyone wants to pet your dog.

-How do I look after my dog if I'm unwell and self-isolating?

•**You can kennel or home board your dog. Also you can request a friend or family member to keep your dog for the quarantine period.**

-Any tips for managing children and dogs in the home?

* With schools being shut remember you are not the ONLY pet parent going through this. Just as we have planned a schedule for kids and are keeping them engaged, we need to do the same with their time together. Remember the games between the child and dog should always be under parental guidance and NO kid should ever be trusted with a dog alone incase you need to attend to some work at home you can always separate out small children and dogs.

**Please contact us incase you need any help. All sessions with us are running FREE till the lockdown exists.
Stay safe!**

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