

## Concerns About the Spread of Covid-19 in Pets and Domestic Animals

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By destroying natural habitats, different species are forced to live in close proximity, and as a result, pathogens are transmitted from one species to another. Hunting animals for food and trading in global markets causes viruses, such as corona virus19, to mutate from animals to humans. Research shows that the coronavirus can be transmitted from humans to animals, especially to pets such as cats and dogs. The coronavirus is able to cross species boundaries and by transmitting from one species to another, causing a global pandemic. In addition, pets can carry the coronavirus on their skin or hair without being infected with the virus. Therefore, caution is required and it is recommended to follow health protocols provided by the authorities to prevent the disease. Pets are dependent on human and should not be released in nature, because of the coronavirus pandemic. Leaving pets in the wild is immoral and poses a threat to these animals and the environment. All animals have equal rights to live, and all animals must be respected.

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