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Good Afternoon NASAAEP members:

The NASAAEP Board is actively monitoring the novel corona virus, COVID-19, and would like to provide a list of resources related to the novel corona virus, COVID-19 to help assist you in your planning efforts and that should provide the most up to date information regarding Frequently Asked Questions.

At this time, there have not been reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19.

We recommend that you consult with your state public health agency and the CDC websites for the most current and up to date information related to the corona virus.

Centers for Disease Control (Animals)  

American Veterinary Medical Association  
https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/covid-19

Environmental Protection Agency  
https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2

Food and Drug Administration  

SAMHSA  
https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Taking-Care-of-Your-Behavioral-Health-During-an-Infectious-Disease-Outbreak/sma14-4894

USDA  
https://www.usda.gov/coronavirus

World Health Organization  
https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus

ZAHP Fusion Center (Exotics)  
https://zahp.aza.org/zahp-news/

Additionally, questions regarding animals with high exposure to humans affected with Corona virus have arisen. We support the NASAAEP and NARSC Member, CODE 3 Associates – Caring for Animals Exposed to Covid-19 (Coronavirus)  
https://www.animalsheltering.org/sites/default/files/documents/ASAR_CODE3_Prep areShelterTeam.pdf protocol. Standard decontamination protocol for pets coming into shelters from natural disasters/flooding event/etc. uses Dawn soap upon entry into the shelter. Continued bathing with Dawn can be harsh on an animal’s skin, but is most often used on first entry in the shelter as a best practice.

The Board hopes that this information will be useful to you in your overall preparedness actions for COVID-19.

Respectfully,

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