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COVID-19 UPDATE: We are OPEN!

Our mission here at the PawsCienda Pet Resort has always been to maintain a clean & safe environment for our guests. However, we are practicing additional sanitary measures to keep our staff, pets in our care and our customers safe and healthy.

Cleanliness

Our standards for maintaining proper cleanliness for our pets is state of the art.

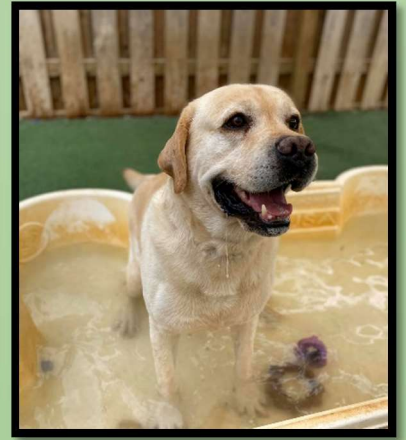
- Just a few months ago we installed our new PetAirapy system. PetAirapy is a company that focuses on air and surface sanitization for the animal care industry. We have installed these units in the bunkhouse, suites, and cat boarding areas. They are designed to "give constant exposure of UV-C germicidal energy with proper air circulation to effectively kill pathogens such as bacteria, viruses, and mold in the air stream." (PetAirapy, LLC) These will help ensure that your pet is in a safe and healthy environment.
- Our guidelines for cleaning and sanitizing are top notch. Our boarding, training, grooming and daycamp environments are thoroughly sanitized after every dog leaves.
- Water and food bowls are cleaned and sanitized after each use.

Keeping you and your dog healthy

Fortunately there is no evidence of dogs catching the COVID-19 virus. But we are taking extra safety precautions:

- When dropping your dog off, please refrain from bringing additional belongings. At this time, we will only be able to accept your dog's food. Even collars and leashes should be taken home with you.
- We are constantly cleaning and disinfecting our common surfaces in our front office area.
- Our full time staff have been advised to follow CDC guidelines for social distancing at the PawsCienda, as well as in their personal lives.
- For any of our grooming clients who are considered high risk for COVID-19 and would like for us to pick up their dogs for grooming, please give us a call at (804) 883-7245.
- We will also be offering drop off 'curb service' for grooming and daycamp dogs for those of you that would rather stay in your vehicle. We can process your payment over the phone if you like.

Spring Time Pool Party!



Lilly Hagen – Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Lilly Hagen, Lead Kennel Technician, for being selected the March 2020 "Employee of the Month".

Lilly has been working at the PawsCienda Pet Resort since July 2019. Her responsibilities include supervising kennel shifts as a Lead Kennel Technician.

Lilly likes to ride four wheelers, hunt, spend time with family and friends, and taking care of animals. She has four dogs - a Chihuahua, 2 Beagles, and a Lhasa mix. She currently has her CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) license and hopes to become an RN (Registered Nurse) in the future. She wants to further her education after high school at Longwood University!



Lady

DOGGIE Daycamp
DOG OF THE MONTH
FOR APRIL

Dogs and COVID-19

Can dogs contract COVID-19?

Dogs can contract certain types of coronaviruses, such as the canine respiratory coronavirus, but this specific novel coronavirus, aka COVID-19, is believed to not be a health threat to dogs.

The World Health Organization has stated, "There is no evidence that a dog, cat or any pet can transmit COVID-19. COVID-19 is mainly spread through droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or speaks. To protect yourself, clean your hands frequently and thoroughly."

Can dogs spread COVID-19?

Li Lanjuan, an epidemiologist and representative of China's National Health Commission cautioned pet owners in China to be vigilant about their own health and the health of their pets: "If pets go out and have contact with an infected person, they have the chance to get infected. By then, pets need to be isolated. In addition to people, we should be careful with other mammals especially pets."

The CDC says that "while this virus seems to have emerged from an animal source, it is now spreading from person-to-person." The CDC recommends that people traveling to China avoid animals both live and dead, "but there is no reason to think that any animals or pets in the United States might be a source of infection with this novel coronavirus."

Two dogs in Hong Kong whose owners tested positive for COVID-19 have tested positive for the virus in what health officials characterize as "likely to be a case of human-to-animal transmission." Local government health officials emphasize that "there is currently no evidence that pet animals can be a source of infection of COVID-19 or that they become sick."

Is it safe to pet my dog?

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, petting a dog's fur is a low risk. The AVMA's Chief Veterinary Officer Gail Golab says, "We're not overly concerned about people contracting COVID-19 through contact with dogs and cats." And there's science behind that: "The virus survives best on smooth surfaces, such as countertops and doorknobs," Golab says. "Porous materials, such as pet fur, tend to absorb and trap pathogens, making it harder to contract them through touch."

Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer for the AKC, says, "The CDC has not reported any cases of pets or other animals becoming infected with COVID-19 in the United States or anywhere else in the world, including hotbeds like Italy." Dr. Klein urges common sense best practices when it comes to our pets: "If you have children, you wouldn't have them touch a puppy and put their fingers in their mouth, because they can have fecal contamination," he says. "The general practice of washing our hands after touching a puppy or a dog—that's normal hygiene."

How can dog owners protect dogs from coronavirus?

For now, healthy pet owners in the U.S. don't need to do anything other than follow basic hygienic precautions such as washing their hands with soap and water before and after contact with any animal, including dogs and cats. If you test positive for COVID-19 or have been exposed to the novel coronavirus, experts recommend that you should "restrict contact with [your] animals — both to avoid exposing the pets and to prevent getting the virus on their skin or fur, which might be passed on to another person who touches the animal." To reduce the spread of all germs, you may consider wiping your pet's paws when they come in and out of the house with a paw cleaner and paw wipes.

GROOMING DOG OF THE MONTH

Reagan



April Daycamp Party Dates



**April 8th – DayCamp
Easter Egg hunt**

**April 15th- DayCamp
Birthday Party**

**April 22nd – DayCamp
Doggie Races**

