

At present, there is **no evidence that companion animals / pets such as dogs or cats can be infected with the new coronavirus.** However, it is always a good idea to **wash your hands with soap and water after contact with pets.** This protects you against various common bacteria such as *E. coli* and *Salmonella* that can pass between pets and humans.

Can pets at home spread the new coronavirus (2019-nCoV)?

