



To all our Furry Friends volunteers:

Like so many others within our community and around the world, we are closely monitoring the evolving COVID19 pandemic. This is a rapidly evolving situation that we are responding to and taking precautionary steps to minimize its impact within our shelter and the community. We always have the safety of our cats, as well as, the health and safety of our volunteers top of mind. With that being said, there are several things that you can do to help:

- If you are SICK STAY HOME- even if you just have a cough or the sniffles, please STAY HOME!
- If you are healthy and not in a high-risk category, pick up an extra HH shift, reach out to Malinda or comment on our volunteer Facebook page thread
- WASH and SANITIZE your hands immediately when entering HH and frequently while you are there
- If you have high-risk people you are caring for, it is advisable to stay home

We are following expert guidelines from the Center for Disease Control, the World Health Organization and the American Veterinary Medical Association. "At this time, there is currently no evidence that companion animals can become ill with COVID19 or transmit the virus to humans. Similar to the precautions recommended to prevent human transmission, the World Health Organization of Animal Health currently recommends regular hand washing with soap and water before and after touching animals, their food, or their supplies." (ASPCA)

The main priority right now is to feed, water and clean litter pans, as well as, love the cats of course. If deep cleaning cannot happen, that is ok over the next several weeks. We are going to experience a big decrease in volunteers coming up as Washington schools just announced closure until April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have to do the best we can without compromising the health and well being of our cats. If something cannot get done on a shift, please let me know [jaimiegarverff@yahoo.com](mailto:jaimiegarverff@yahoo.com)

Thank you all for your hard work, dedication and coming together when we all need it the most!

Jaimie Garver

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