

# Puppy Love

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## World Health Organization

WHO was established seventy two years ago by the United Nations as a specialized agency responsible for international public health. In early March 2020 WHO declared that the COVID-19 novel coronavirus is a global pandemic. In the panic over the spread of the virus, people are worried not only about their own health but the health of their furry family members too. WHO states, "There is no evidence that a dog, cat or any pet can transmit COVID-19" to humans, however, there is mounting evidence that people can spread the virus to animals.



*Meet our new baby boy, Augustus! He made it home in spite of the Corona-19 virus! We are in love!!!*



## Around the Globe

Although, COVID-19 is not believed to be a health threat to dogs, they can still test positive for the virus. The first known pet case of COVID-19 in the United States appeared in an adorable little Pug named, Winston, living in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Two out of three family members in Winston's home are front-line health care workers who tested positive for the virus. Duke University did a study on the family and their pets, with only Winston testing positive out of two dogs, a cat, and a lizard. Winston only experienced mild symptoms. In Hong Kong two dogs tested positive for COVID-19, both dogs lived in homes with COVID-19 positive pet parents. Local health officials characterize the cases of the two dogs in Hong Kong as "likely to be a case of human-to-animal transmission," neither dog showed any symptoms of the virus. Hong Kong continues to test dogs and cats living in the home with human positive CORONA-19. Officially they have tested seventeen dogs and eight cats from households with confirmed COVID-19 pet parents. The results of the testing indicated only two dogs tested positive for COVID-19 out of the twenty-five pets tested.



## Nadia

A four year old tiger named Nadia at the Bronx Zoo was the first known case of COVID-19 in an animal in the USA. A total of eight tigers were infected by a zoo staff member who was not showing any symptoms of the virus. The tigers have all recovered and living a normal healthy life at the zoo in New York City.



## Guidelines for Pet Care

- If you are sick avoid contact with your dog. No petting, snuggling, kissing and no bed sharing.
- If you must care for your dog wear a mask and practice safe handwashing.
- Do not let your dog interact with people or other animals outside the household.
- Walk your dog on a leash, maintaining at least six feet from other people and animals.
- Avoid dog parks or public places where a large number of people and dogs gather.