



nCorona Virus Outbreak Control and Prevention State Cell
Health & Family Welfare Department
Government of Kerala

SUB: nCorona – Health advisory for Animal care – Animal Husbandry
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In the light of nCorona virus outbreak in Kerala the Wuhan returnees and their contacts are under Home isolation and Hospital isolation. There is a possibility that they may be having domestic animals, pet animals. As a matter of abundant precaution it is necessary to have a system to provide care to the animals as their owners are on home isolation and they are not expected to come out of their homes and remain in isolation.

1. The District Veterinary administration should identify animals in the nCorona isolated households, if any, especially pet animals like dogs and cats, other animals like cows etc with the assistance of LSGI and volunteers. Quarantine these animals at the site itself till the period of isolation for the family members ends.
2. The District Veterinary administration along with the Local Self Government shall identify volunteers and other resources for feeding fodder and water to the quarantined animals.
3. The Veterinary officer at the Panchayath level also do monitor the health of animals.
4. Wuhan returnees and their contacts should not have any close contact with any domestic/farm animals till the period of home isolation.
5. People caring for pets / domestic / farm animals should observe personal hygiene.

6. Unusual signs and symptoms or deaths in pets / domestic / farm animals should be reported to the concerned Veterinary authorities.
7. Awareness to farmers and other stakeholders should be imparted by the Veterinary Department.
8. Through animal surveillance mechanism improve monitoring mechanisms in live animal markets, locations with migratory birds/wild birds and slaughter houses which may offer a unique opportunity for viruses to spill over from domestic/ wild animals into the human population.
9. The District Animal Husbandry Officer to coordinate these activities and report to the District Collectors in daily evening 6 pm meetings and take further steps as per the need to ensure providing support and care to animals.



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