



Horton's House
Ravensdale, WA

We hope everyone is safe and well. I wanted to send an update from Horton's House regarding the steps we are taking to help address your Covid-19 concerns regarding your dogs daycare and boarding stay with us.

I have conducted a lot of research about pets and Covid-19. I also watched a very timely webinar where multiple experts concluded that dogs cannot get the virus from us nor give the virus to us. Doctor Andrew Jones, DVM and many other experts in the field of epidemiology and Veterinary medicine believe that the chance of Covid-19 spreading to our dogs or dogs giving it to us is extremely rare. Someone with Covid would have to cough or sneeze directly on a dogs fur and then another person would have to pet that dog in the exact spot and touch their face.

As the Covid-19 pandemic spreads globally, Hortons House would like to ease any fears our clients might have. We are closely monitoring any news and science stories regarding pets, animals and Covid-19 and will adjust our strategies to address this virus accordingly. We are sill taking precautions so that your pet's home away from home is as happy and healthy as can be during this difficult time.

We are following the CDC guidelines and protocols for sanitation and sterilization. We are starting new drop off and pick up guidelines to keep everyone safe as possible. For now, we ask our clients to lead their dogs into a separate, isolated pen, where you will remove their leash and collar. We will put a sanitized leash on them and wipe your dog off before entering the common room and once again before your pet goes home. We will return your dog to the same pen and wipe them off for pick-up. We continue to clean and sanitize all inside dog areas, toys, chew toys, bedding etc. on a

regular basis and more often if needed. Dogs will not be permitted to share any toys, chews, or bowls between them.

I hope this email helps to allay some of your concerns regarding Covid-19 and your pets. Additionally, Washington State Governor's office on April, 7th included boarding and pet daycare among other pet services such as veterinarians, and pet stores as officially recognized essential businesses.

We are here for you and your pets during this difficult time.

-From all of us at Horton's House

Below is a link for more info:

<https://www.rover.com/blog/dogs-covid19-resource-guide/>