

# Guidelines for Breeders to Reduce the Spread of Coronavirus



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## Discuss with puppy buyers before they arrive:

- Explain that their family's health and safety is just as important to you as the health and well-being of your own family, dogs and puppies.
- Tell what they should expect upon their arrival and why you are doing the things you will be doing. Tell them your bio-security steps and stick to them.
- Ask if they or family members has cold, flu or allergy symptoms or recently had or overcame COVID-19?
- Ask if they or family members had close contact with anyone who recently traveled by air; went out of the country; was in highly infected areas; or works in the medical field?
- Ask that young, older and compromised persons not come to the appointment. Limit the number of people coming for a visit to two or ask that no more than two people exit their vehicle during the visit.

## Reduce personal contact and prevent disease spread:

- Make appointments to see a puppy. Limit the number of puppies presented to a customer and provide contactless driveway service.
- Make certain everyone washes their hands often with warm water and soap. Keep social distances (at least 6 feet).
  - ▶ Keep the time spent with customers to a minimum.
  - ▶ Think and talk about all "touch points" prior to their arrival.
  - ▶ Clean and disinfect all surfaces before and after each visit.
  - ▶ Consider doing all transactions curbside or at the driveway. Do not restrict yourself to small confined spaces.
  - ▶ Do not hand the puppy to the new owner. This will put you too close. Set the puppy on the ground or floor and then step away. Have the puppy in a designated area before the customer arrives.
  - ▶ Disinfect all places that may have been touched.
  - ▶ Designate an area for customers to view the puppies and limit contact with the puppies. Make sure all surfaces are cleaned and disinfected before and after the customers arrival and departure.
  - ▶ When possible, do paperwork remotely. If not possible, designate a table outside and give them a pen, which they may keep upon departure.
- If the customer does not take the puppy, immediately bathe the puppy with warm water and shampoo/soap or wipe with disinfectant wipes made for dogs. Examples are Mal-A-Ket Wipes by Dermapet and Pet-MD Chlorhexidine Wipes.

