

It's up to all of us TO KEEP PETS SAFE

TOP 5 COMMON MISTAKES that make a facility susceptible to disease outbreaks¹

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No screening for/response to illness

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Poor handwashing habits

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Not practicing effective disinfection

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Not confirming routine vaccinations

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Poor communication between staff and clients and proactive planning



CHECKLIST TO PREVENT DISEASE SPREAD¹

- SCREEN** all pets on arrival by asking if any recent/current illnesses
- STOP** participation for pets with suspected infectious disease
- ENSURE** all pets are up to date on recommended vaccinations
- REMOVE** feces and organic debris from indoor and outdoor areas immediately and before cleaning/disinfection
- FOLLOW** a disinfection program for indoor and outdoor areas, choosing a disinfectant based on diseases risks, safety and surface compatibility
- FEED** only standard commercial diets that have been processed to remove foodborne bacteria or thoroughly cooked
- WASH** hands or apply alcohol-based hand sanitizer upon entering/exiting the facility and frequently while working
- MINIMIZE** unnecessary pet-to-pet contact (such as between dogs boarding)
- ENSURE** pets are current on flea, tick and worm prevention
- REPORT** any signs of disease to management
- REMOVE (immediately)** any pets that become ill
- EXCLUDE** pets with known exposure to infectious disease (or from outside US/Canada) for 2 weeks or as recommended by a veterinarian

DISEASE CAN SPREAD FROM ANIMALS TO SURFACES TO OTHER ANIMALS AND PEOPLE¹



Coughing, sneezing



Contact between animals



Urine, diarrhea, vomiting



Food/water bowls, toys

ANYWHERE PETS ARE TOGETHER THEY ARE AT GREATEST RISK FOR DISEASE OUTBREAKS

What we do to keep pets healthy¹



Require vaccinations



Cleaning/disinfection



Handwashing



Strict use of work only clothing



Rapid isolation of sick animals

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