*This is the wording of the disclosure from the Toronto Humane Society. Feel free to adjust and use as is appropriate for your environment.*

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**EXPOSED TO A PERSON INFECTED WITH COVID-19 (QUARANTINE COMPLETED)**

**What is the problem?** This animal was exposed to someone known or strongly suspected to be positive for COVID-19. In most cases this means the animal lived in the same household with an infected person.

**What has THS done so far?** Followed current recommendations to minimize any possibility of spread to people from this animal. This includes a 14-day quarantine period before releasing to a foster or adoptive home.

At the time of the last update to this protocol [May 28, 2020], experts continue to advise that:

* The risk of a pet catching the infection is not zero, but is very low
* The risk of an infected pet spreading the infection to other pets or people is also very low

**What still needs to be done?** Observe Health Canada’s guidelines for handling of pets during this pandemic.

**What can the adopter expect?** It is impossible to say “never” in biology but we are confident that this animal poses negligible risk to people and other pets, based on available information about the virus and this animal.

**Resources:** Please refer to <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection> - Go to “Prevention and Risks” and search for the section titled “Animals in Canada”. The Worms and Germs Blog features regular updates on this infection as regards pets – wormsandgermsblog.com