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Coronavirus

Coastal Elite Veterinary Services has always held ourselves to the highest biosecurity standards but we have taken this opportunity to streamline and heighten our protocols. We are dedicated to providing your animals with care and will remain operating under regular hours, including 24/7 emergency coverage, during this time.

Here are some of the ways our team is working to protect you, your loved ones, and ourselves:

-All doctors are equipped with disinfectant in our trucks to sanitize our hands and our equipment between each call.

-If any of our staff experiences symptoms of illness, they will be staying home- no ill team members will be traveling to your farms or our office until cleared by their doctors.

-Since the virus can be transferred via clothing, all of our doctors and techs have a change of clothes in the trucks in the event their clothing becomes compromised between calls.

-To reduce exposure, we strongly urge our clients to call ahead before stopping by the office. We will continue to dispense medications as needed from our office but they will be left in our outdoor box for you to pick up as we are going to keep the inside of the office restricted to essential employees only until further notice.

-In high tension situations communication is imperative! For both scheduled appointments & emergencies- if you are feeling ill or if you would prefer to not be present during our visit, give us a call! The well being of our clients and patients is our top priority. We are always willing to help and care for your animals- we can arrange to bring an assistant with us to your farm, eliminating the need for you to assist us all while communicating with you electronically.

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Instituting biosecurity procedures and contingency plans in your barns is highly recommended. This should include a protocol for the care of your animals in the event that you are unable to care for them yourself and at least a 1 month supply of feed and medications needed for your animals. If you are having trouble finding necessary medications online please contact our office- we are happy to assist in any way we can.

-Your pets are safe from COVID-19. This strain of corona virus is not zoonotic, meaning it cannot be transmitted from humans to pets or vice versa.

-There is information circulating the internet stating that there is a livestock vaccine for coronavirus- the vaccine prevents diarrhea in calves caused by bovine corona virus, which is an entirely different pathogen from the one that causes COVID-19. This vaccine will not protect humans against COVID-19 and can potentially make you ill. It is NEVER advised to use veterinary immunizations in humans.

* See our website for biosecurity protocols to institute into your daily barn practices to keep you safe!
<https://www.coastalelitevet.com/resources>

Our goal is to caution not instill fear; knowledge from reliable sources is imperative, especially in times like this. Below are a few links that have great information to help keep you informed. As always, our website (www.coastalelitevet.com) will be updated regularly with resources for you; if you have questions, give us a call. Stay informed & wash your paws!

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