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To whom it may concern,

Animal Rescue Cambodia is a registered local and international organization, running a veterinary clinic and outreach projects. We work with sick/injured cats and dogs on a daily basis and have professionally trained veterinarians working at our center.

Regarding COVID-19

The **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)**, one of the biggest veterinary organizations in the world, states that:

"The current spread of COVID-19 is a result of human to human transmission. To date, there is no evidence that pets have spread the disease. Therefore, there is no justification in taking measures against companion animals which may compromise their welfare."

<https://www.oie.int/scientific-expertise/specific-information-and-recommendations/questions-and-answers-on-2019novel-coronavirus/>

According to the US **Center of Disease Control (CDC)**, which has offices all around the world informed that:

"Some coronaviruses, such as canine (dog) and feline (cat) coronaviruses, only infect animals and do not infect humans."

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/pets.html>

Finally, the largest health organization in the world, **World Health Organization (WHO)**, published that:

"At present, there is no evidence that companion animals/pets such as dogs and cats can be infected with the virus."

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/question-and-answers-hub/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses>

Therefore, **humans are NOT at risk of contracting Covid-19 from cats or dogs.**

For further questions, please contact our office at 012 340 114.

Kind regards,

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