

Dogs May Test Positive For Coronavirus – No Evidence They Can Transmit to Humans

A second dog tested positive for coronavirus in China. Dogs have not shown symptoms of the disease. The Hong Kong government is urging people to stop kissing their pets and also to not abandon them either.

Update: PLEASE DO NOT GIVE AWAY YOUR DOG BECAUSE OF THIS ARTICLE! That is not the intentional suggestion of this article. The best advice one can probably get from this article is that you may not want to be overly affectionate with other people's dogs right now if you are immunocompromised or you stay with someone who is. But, it's very important to note that there is no indication the dog can transmit the virus to humans.

In February an elderly 17-year-old Pomeranian tested "weak positive" for the virus. The dog was quarantined until deemed to be free of coronavirus, then the owner took the dog home. The dog died two days later. It is extremely unlikely that the dog died from the virus but we're told the dog's owner wasn't willing to allow an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

Last week a German shepherd in Hong Kong was sent for quarantine after their owner was confirmed as being infected. The dog "repeatedly tested positive" for the COVID-19 virus.

The Hong Kong animal-welfare authority stressed that there is currently no evidence that pets can be a source of the virus or that they can get sick from it. "Under no circumstances should [owners] abandon their pets," it said.

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) said that infectious disease experts and multiple international and

domestic human and animal health organizations, all agree there is no evidence at this point to indicate that pets become ill with Covid-19 or that they spread it to other animals, including people.

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