



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

March 23, 2020

Dear Dogs for Better Lives Community,

As COVID-19 continues to expand across the nation, I wanted to give you an update from Dogs for Better Lives.

We're Sheltering in Place

Like many other places around the world, we've recently been informed that the Rogue Valley in southern Oregon is mandated to shelter-in-place to reduce the spread of COVID-19. This means that the majority of our employees are sheltering at home, with just a few allowed on-site to provide premium care for our dogs. We thank our foster families who have opened their hearts and homes to care for some of the more needy pups, as well as to our puppy raisers who are caring for our puppies in training.

Staying Informed

We care about everyone's safety – including our dogs – and we are continuing to closely monitor the situation with guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), and Assistance Dog International (ADI).

There is still no evidence that companion animals can spread COVID-19, and further, it does not appear that companion animals become ill from this virus. Please continue to read and bookmark the FAQ's posted on the [AVMA website](#) that will help you understand the [impact to your Assistance Dog](#) as it is updated regularly with the most current information.

Staying Healthy

Please continue to follow CDC's advice for protecting yourself and others: Wash your hands frequently with soap and/or alcohol-based sanitizers; avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; cover your mouth or nose when you sneeze or cough; and maintain a distance of 6 feet or more between yourself and others when you do need to go out. And if you have a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing yourself, seek medical attention.

We Care

We care about you, your families, and our life-changing dogs, and ask for your patience in responding to your emails, calls and letters while we're sheltering in place. Please feel free to contact us:

Any general questions or concerns - info@dogsforbetterlives.org

Clients should contact - clientservices@dogsforbetterlives.org

Donors can contact - dvlp@dogsforbetterlives.org

Please know that Dogs for Better Lives remains fiscally strong and committed as ever to our mission, our dogs, and to all who care and support us. There is nothing more powerful and resilient than you – our wonderful DBL community – and we want to thank you for showing your love for our mission and being a part of DBL.

Stay well,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bryan Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and "W".

Bryan Williams
CEO, Dogs for Better Lives