



Living with the current important movement restrictions is a worrying time for all of the family. It is also a concern to know how best to care for our pets during this time. There are some things which you can do to help you prepare for any time that you have to isolate in your home with your cat.

## [H2] Plan ahead

- Create a plan for who will care for your cat in your home should you contract Covid-19.
- Have an 'emergency kit' ready in case you cannot leave your home:
  - 2 weeks' worth of cat's food and cat litter
  - Any medications your cat requires
  - New food bowls and litter tray can be useful to use should someone else need to care for your cat

## [H2] Create a new routine

- Try and create a new routine - being at home all the time is new for the human members of the home and can be confusing for cats. Put aside time when you can do activities with your cat, such as play time and grooming.

## [H2] What happens if my cat is unwell?

Veterinary clinics in affected areas may only be able to see urgent or emergency cases. If you have a routine healthcare appointment for your cat booked in the next few weeks, call your vet to discuss the need for the appointment and possible postponement. It may be appropriate for your vet to discuss your cat's health via a consultation on the phone or via a video link.

If you are worried about your cat's health during this time, contact your veterinary clinic by phone initially to discuss your concerns. Your vet will decide whether your cat needs to be seen at the clinic.

- Don't leave your house if you are self-isolating. Is there a family member, friend or neighbor that can take your cat to the clinic if this is required? Your vet clinic may be able to assist you in organizing someone else bringing your cat to the clinic should they require veterinary attention.
- Veterinary clinics have measures in place to protect you and their staff members, so please follow their instructions which may include:
  - Only 1 person accompanying your cat into the clinic
  - Await instructions when you arrive at the clinic
  - Wash your hands as you enter the clinic
  - Avoid contact with people and keep a 2m distance whilst in the clinic
  - Wash your hands when you leave the clinic, as well as when you return home



Being restricted to home is challenging for us all, including your furry friend, who will be there to keep you company when you cannot go out. Planning ahead will help to keep your cat healthy through enforced isolation.

If you are staying home with your cat, share your stories on Facebook with the #feliwayathome with us !

Stay safe!

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