



## COVID-19 Guidance on Bathing Pets & Livestock

1. Contact with your animal must be kept to a minimum until it has been thoroughly bathed.
  - a. Wash your hands and avoid touching your face during this process.
2. Separate your animal from any other animals until it has been bathed.
3. Gather everything needed to bath your animal – shampoo, towels, wipes etc.
4. **Bath your animal as soon as possible.**
  - a. This can be done through the use of animal friendly cleaning wipes or by using animal friendly shampoo.
  - b. Cats are particularly sensitive to disinfectants and also fastidiously clean their coats and are therefore at risk of poisoning. If in doubt, shampoo cats using a human baby shampoo and then thoroughly rinse it out.
5. All objects that have been in contact with your animal must be **cleaned, disinfected and fully dried**, including towels, collars, leads, owners clothing, vehicle etc.
  - a. Wash your hands thoroughly, immediately after cleaning these objects.
6. Wash your hands once you have completed the bathing process.
7. All **waste** such as gloves, wipes, masks etc. must be placed in a plastic bag, tied up, then inserted into a second plastic bag, tied up, and **quarantined for 72 hours** before being left out for collection.

Bathing animals and cleaning, disinfecting and drying all things associated with them is likely to be enough to ensure that the virus is not present.

- As always, it is standard veterinary advice to wash your hands after stroking, touching, feeding, or cleaning up after an animal.

**Contact with your animal must be kept to a minimum if you are self-isolating.**

Follow the [Pets and livestock guidance](#) for further information.