



Covid-19 Small Animal Visit Risk Assessment

COVID-19 has changed the way we work. These risk assessments are for the protection of the veterinary physiotherapist, owners, and yard staff. A risk assessment should be carried out for each individual case. We still need to prioritise human health. Please familiarise yourself with the following for your upcoming appointment.

The following procedures will be in place during treatments to maintain social distancing and protect yourself, your family, myself and the general public.

- Please inform me if yourself, any household members or anyone on the property is exhibiting signs of covid-19. This includes:
 - High temperature
 - Persistent cough
 - Is self-isolating
 - Is considered vulnerable
- If you are an existing client, please update me of any changes to your pet's condition prior to my visit. A full case history for new clients will be taken prior to my visit to minimise time spent on your property
- Only one person to be present throughout treatment and assessment
- Physical distancing should be adhered to - 2m distance at all times, where possible. There will be times when some assistance with handling may be required. If this is the case further risk assessment will be done prior to continuing with treatment. Where possible this will be discussed prior to my visit.
- Please open all gates and doors this way I will only touch my own equipment and your pet during my visit
- I will not enter your home so please provide a suitable location for treatment to take place e.g. garden/garage
- I will text you on my arrival to allow for gates and doors to be opened as above
- I will wear overalls which will be changed between each visit. I will also wear a mask during treatment where possible, which will be changed between visits
- I have warm water and soap in my car so will wash my hands before and after treatments
- All my equipment will be disinfected between each use
- I encourage all clients to wear a mask during the treatment
- All paperwork will be delivered electronically and I will return to my car to write up any notes to minimise time spent on the yard
- If you do develop signs of covid-19 prior to our appointment then please inform me

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