

ElderDog Canada Help During COVID-19 Pandemic

ElderDog Canada was created out of a need to support senior-dog companionship. For many older adults living at home with a dog, ElderDog is a significant source of assistance and a lifeline for some. During the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for increasing isolation, that support has never been more necessary. We are here to help.

ElderDog has been granted the **status of essential services support** in all provinces where we have active Pawds. Following declared measures and recommended practices by government and public health officials, we continue to support those who depend on us and others who need help. ElderDog places priority on the health and safety of our volunteers and those we support, so the nature and extent of supports available will vary from location to location across the country.

Some of the help we can provide includes:

- picking up and dropping off dog food or other supplies;
- transportation for urgent veterinary care;
- dog walking;
- temporary fostering;
- rehoming.

Precautionary measures we use includes:

- pick up and drop off outside of home;
- safe physical distancing at all times;
- using our own leashes sanitized after each use;
- minimizing physical contact with dogs (That's a tough one but we do it!);
- walking one dog at a time in low traffic areas only;
- wearing gloves;
- hand washing and sanitizing.

Contact ElderDog at 1-855-336-4226 or info@elderdog.ca

Information about the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada changes rapidly and regularly. For the most up-to-date information, please consult the following credible sources:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks.html>

<https://www.canadianveterinarians.net/news-events/news/COVID-19-Information-for-BC-pet-owners>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news>.