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Guidance for OVs about pets and monkeypox

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Purpose

To inform OVs of new guidance for veterinarians (and for their clients) on pets and monkeypox (MPX)

Background

Following a risk assessment on the susceptibility of certain animals to infection with monkeypox virus (MPX), a guidance document has been published to provide advice to veterinarians on dealing with pets in households where people are isolating, either because they have monkeypox or because of contact with someone with monkeypox.

Advice that veterinarians can share with their clients is also provided as an Annex to the guidance.

The guidance includes links to appropriate advice provided by UKHSA.

The guidance can be accessed in the [Technical Information for Vets](#) tab on the APHA Vet Gateway.

Action

All OVs working with small animals should read the guidance document and any associated links.

This briefing note is being shared widely across the OV community for awareness.

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This information is also being circulated via other routes across the veterinary profession, but we would also encourage all OVs to cascade this information to any colleagues who are not OVs and to whom it may be relevant.

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