

Q&A: Spay/Neuter? Boarding? Show Animal Sales?

The answers to the following questions were provided by State Veterinarian Dr. Darlene Konkle, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection:

Q: Are spays and neuters essential veterinary care?

A: There is no specific definition of what is essential vs. non-essential veterinary care. You will need to rely on your professional medical opinion as a veterinarian and use the guidance that DATCP and the VEB have provided.

The Governor's office has issued an FAQ that specifically addresses grooming.

Q: Can I obtain care or boarding for my pet?

A: Non-essential veterinary care should be avoided, but you may leave your home to obtain necessary veterinary care and supplies for your pet. Grooming services must close. Pet boarding and daycare is an essential business and operation that may remain open.

The FAQ is here:

<https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/Safer%20at%20Home%20FAQ%203.24.20.pdf>

The answer to the question below was provided by Chief Legal Officer Jennifer Hagner Campbell, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation:

Q: Are show animal sales - on-farm - an essential business?

A: I cannot see any avenue under which a "show animal sale" would be deemed essential.