



## Monkeypox

Monkeypox remains much in the news, and veterinarians may be fielding questions from clients concerned about this zoonotic virus. A new AVMA webpage provides answers. Available for anyone to use as a resource, including clients, the monkeypox webpage pulls together the basic information that's critical for pet owners. The webpage also answers a broad range of other important questions about monkeypox, ranging from clinical signs and treatment to the virus' origin and history.

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The chance of your pet catching monkeypox is also extremely low. Other than a 2003 report of pet prairie dogs infected with the monkeypox virus, there have been no reports of pets with monkeypox in the United States.

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**If you suspect your pet or another animal has monkeypox, contact your Old York Veterinary Hospital 609-379-2287. Dr.Campbell and the staff will advise you on next steps.**

**<https://www.avma.org/resources-tool/s/one-health/veterinarians-and-public-health/monkeypox>**

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