Dear Can Do Canines supporters,

The health and well-being of our clients, volunteers, staff, donors, and dogs are our top priorities. The Coronavirus outbreak is a threat to us as individuals and to the organization as a whole. Consequently, we are implementing policies that will help prevent the spread of the virus and support the health of those involved with our organization.

If you are involved with Can Do Canines and have contact with our organization please know:

- Can Do Canines management is closely monitoring the Center for Disease Control and The Minnesota Department of Health for updates and precautionary recommendations. We will follow all recommendations made by these agencies in regards to mitigating the spread of the virus.
- All staff, volunteers, clients, and visitors are instructed to stay home if they are sick. Any individuals who arrive on-site with symptoms will be sent home.
- To reduce unnecessary contact, we are discontinuing all training classes, kennel dog walking, kennel outings as well as all onsite events, effective today until further notice. **Specific instructions will follow for these volunteers.**
- We are implementing a no handshake policy at our organization while COVID-19 remains a threat. Please do not shake hands with staff, volunteers or clients. We recommend waving or verbally greeting people instead.
- Please thoroughly and frequently wash your hands and follow other [guidance provided by the CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) around disease containment.

We will continue to evaluate options and communicate any changes for any and all upcoming events based on recommendations of the agencies listed above. For more information about ways you can help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Virus please visit the [Center for Disease Control Website](https://www.cdc.gov) or the [Minnesota Department of Health](https://www.health.state.mn.us).

While there will be challenges ahead, working together to stay healthy and reduce exposure to the virus will benefit both you and Can Do Canines.

Thank You,

Alan Peters
Executive Director