



# INTOUCH® PROJECT SMILE Volume 19



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Project Smile is an initiative by Kossan International Sdn Bhd (KISB) to develop, sustain, and perceive a good relationship between our internal and external community. Initiated since 2013, Project Smile has extended support and contribution to the environment and communities in need.

It is 100% run by Kossan employees voluntarily. We look at many areas in contribution projects from schools, orphanages to animals, environment and the less fortunate. It is also a program about developing future leaders through social awareness and motivational activities. We believe that children are the hope for a brighter future, and we want to provide them with opportunities and hope for a better life.

## Project Smile 23.1 – We care, we help, we can win this!

KISB volunteers have reached out to help the unspoken communities during this global pandemic by supporting the adoption project of Zoo Negara and donated glove to the PAWS Animal Welfare Society.



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Zoo Negara is managed by the Malaysian Zoological Society, a non-governmental organization that operates mainly through its gate collection and sponsorship from individuals, schools, and corporate companies. Due to the recent pandemic and restrictions, their income is badly affected as a result of the shutdown of the zoo. Therefore, Zoo Negara is seeking help from the public to fund its daily food, enrichment, and veterinary care of the animals.



Project Smile reached out to support Zoo Negara through its project “Adopt an Animal Campaign” an initiative to support the daily living needs of the animals. We contributed towards the Malayan Tapir, Sun Bear, White Tiger, Chimpanzee, and White Tiger through this project, and certificates of adoption were given by Zoo Negara as a gesture of appreciation.



Project Smile also supported PAWS Animal Welfare Society by donating 11 cartons of gloves to the organization to enable the welfare to continue receiving abandoned animals to perform check-ups and needed medical care to aid for the animals in need. In addition, we also gave out a token of contribution for the welfare to sustain their operating expenses to continue the services of helping the unspoken communities.



## Covid-19 and Animals

### What you need to know

A small number of pets worldwide, including cats and dogs, have been reported to be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, mostly after close contact with people with COVID-19.

Based on the limited information available to date, the risk of animals spreading COVID-19 to people is considered to be low.

It appears that the virus that causes COVID-19 can spread from people to animals in some situations.

Treat pets as you would other human family members – do not let pets interact with people outside the household.

If a person inside the household becomes sick, isolate that person from everyone else, including pets.

We do not know the exact source of the current outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), but we know that it originally came from an animal, likely a bat.

At this time, there is no evidence that animals play a significant role in spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

More studies are needed to understand if and how different animals could be affected by COVID-19.

Reference: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/animals.html>



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