

# Consent for Vaccinations



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Today your pet will be vaccinated to help protect it against diseases that might even be transmitted to humans.

You must also understand that not uncommonly side effects of vaccination injections including lethargy, fever, and injection site pain and sneezing after intranasal vaccinations might occur. More rarely there can be swelling of the face and neck, difficulty breathing and death.

If any of the above common side effects happen it is a good idea to notify the office. If any of the above severe side effects happen, notify the office immediately. It may be necessary after a more severe reaction to give appropriate medications to help make your pet more comfortable and fight the effects of the reaction. Please do not hesitate to call the office to report these reactions. There are no charges for the phone call or even the visit if necessary; there are however charges for medications or treatments provided.

If further questions or problems please let our office staff know and we will answer to the best of our knowledge.

I, the undersigned, understand the benefits and risks of vaccinations.

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Name \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed  
by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

DHLPP (distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parainfluenza, parvovirus) this is a yearly vaccination that help prevent the previous diseases. This vaccination is given under your dog's skin. If this is your dog's first vaccination it will need to be boosted in 3 weeks then yearly thereafter.

RV (rabies) this is state regulated and currently the first rabies vaccination your pet gets is good for one year all vaccinations thereafter will be good for three years (In Michigan). Keep in mind this is state regulated and if your pet travels to Florida their vaccinations may only be current for one year. This disease is zoonotic, which means that people can get rabies. This vaccination is given under the skin.

Lymes (Lyme disease) is a tick borne disease that we are currently told is not a problem in the lower peninsula of Michigan. If your pet travels to the U.P. or out of state this vaccination is recommended. This vaccination is given, then boosted in three weeks then boosted annually thereafter. This vaccination is given under the skin also.

KC (Kennel cough or Bordetella) is an air born disease that is highly contagious. This vaccination is very important for dogs that are groomed, boarded, go camping, or are in obedience classes. This vaccination just recently went to the injectable form and is given under the skin. The initial vaccination is given and then boosted in three weeks then annually thereafter. There is also a nasal vaccination that we still use for more quick exposure or for pets that are immediately being groomed or boarded-this vaccination does not need to be boosted in three weeks, just annually.

Heartworm testing is a blood draw that is done once yearly to ensure that your pet does not have heartworm. Heartworm is a disease transmitted by mosquitoes, which means all dogs are at risk. There are several types of preventatives available, we recommend either year round dosing of preventative or at minimum May 1<sup>st</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup> keeping in mind that the preventative works backwards not forward, so if your pet is bitten in the beginning of November the December preventative is going to ensure that your pet remains heartworm free.

Fecal (stool check) should be done yearly and is the only way to ensure your pet is free of intestinal parasites. Most intestinal parasites are not seen with the naked eye and when we look at a stool sample under a microscope we find the eggs of the intestinal parasite. There are several types of intestinal parasites some of which are even a risk for humans.

RCPP/FLV (Feline leukemia/distemper) are a group of diseases that can affect cats. They are primarily a group of upper respiratory diseases that unvaccinated cats are more at risk for. The feline leukemia disease is a disease that we first recommend testing for and then vaccinating if testing is negative. Feline leukemia is very similar to AIDS in the human world, signs and symptoms are vague and it is fatal.

If questions about vaccinations or diagnostic testing please just ask. We will try to provide the best, most up to date information.