

Boarding Health Requirements

Pre-Boarding Exam: A technician will examine your pet during his first day of boarding. This exam is limited to identifying obvious injuries, contagious diseases or parasite infestation. If the technician notices a medical concern, the veterinarian will be consulted. Any necessary additional exams or treatments will have additional fees. If you would prefer that a veterinarian provide a comprehensive physical examination, please request this at check-in and we will gladly provide it (additional fees apply).

Preventive Health: To maintain a healthy environment for all our patients and boarding clients, the Animal Care Center requires that all pets be up to date on immunizations and that they are free of parasites (fleas, ticks, worms, etc.) When you make your reservation, the receptionist will review your pet's records and recommend needed treatments.

Immunizations: All boarding pets must be up to date on their immunizations. **Written proof** (by a veterinarian) of current vaccinations is required. When you make your reservation, the receptionist will let you know exactly what your pet needs.

Cats require current Distemper and Rabies vaccines.

Dogs require current Distemper/Parvo, Rabies and Bordetella (kennel cough) vaccines. It is important to remember that **Kennel Cough** vaccine takes at least 2 days (if given an intra-nasal vaccine) to become effective in protecting your pet and that is only effective for 6-9 months, so revaccination is needed every 6 months to maintain protection. We will accept a dog for boarding so long as it is immunized at least **2 days prior to and within 6 months** of drop off with an intranasal vaccine. Pets that have been vaccinated in the past but who are overdue for a booster at drop off will be given the booster at drop off if they are not more than 60 days overdue for the booster.

Fleas & Ticks: Pets are required to be free of fleas and ticks. If your pet has any fleas or ticks, they will be treated appropriately to eliminate the infestation. Flea treatments will include **Capstar** (to immediately kill all adult fleas for 24 hours) and **Frontline** application (which will continue to kill fleas and ticks and prevent re-infestation for at least one month). Additional fees will apply for these treatments.

Intestinal Parasites: In order to protect the health of all animals and people that visit ACC, it is important that we prevent the spread of intestinal parasite through contamination of the ACC grounds. ACC requires that all kittens and puppies under 6 months, as well as all cats and dogs of any age who go outside meet one of the following conditions:

- ❖ Has had a **negative fecal exam** within the last 6 months **or**
- ❖ Has been dewormed (by a veterinarian) within the past 6 months **or**
- ❖ is current on their **heartworm prevention** (which also protects against the major intestinal parasites)

Adult cats, over 1 year of age, that have had prior intestinal parasite prevention/control measures within the past 24 months and are always kept ONLY indoors are at lower risk for intestinal parasites and so are exempt from this requirement. (DOWNLOAD PAGE TWO)