

POLICY

Health Requirements for Boarding, Daycare, Daycamp, & Grooming

We want to make sure your animal companion stays healthy no matter where they are, so we are following updated veterinary guidelines to ensure they're living their best lives as long as possible.

Effective 7/10/2023, the Veterinary Care Center of Richmond is putting the following guidelines into effect to ensure the safety and wellness of our pet guests within our facility. Please note that if your pet needs these vaccinations, preventatives, or tests, the Veterinary Care Center of Richmond can accommodate your pet's needs.

- **Flea & Tick Prevention**

- Now Required Annually
 - These are preventative measures used to protect people & pets from parasitic infestations and infections.

- **Fecal / Giardia or Fecal DX / Key Screen**

- Now Required Every 6 Months
 - Parasitic Infection can infect dogs and cats.
 - Some parasites can also be contagious to people.

- **Annual Deworming**

- Now Required
 - An annual deworming (or equivalent) is a preventative measure used to protect pets, people, and our environment from parasitic infestations.
 - ****Verification required at check-in****
 - ****Dewormers must protect against roundworm and hookworm****

- **Canine Influenza Vaccine**

- Influenza is one of the pathogens in the canine respiratory complex that has a vaccine available.

- **Lepto Vaccine**

- Now Required
 - Leptospirosis is a bacteria that can be transmitted to other pets, people, & contaminate environments through contact with urine of infected pets.

- **Distemper Vaccine**

- Distemper is a virus and is primarily transmitted through the respiratory secretions of an infected animal.

- **Rabies Vaccine**

- Rabies is a virus and is transmitted through the saliva of an infected animal, usually through a bite.
 - ****Can be directly transmitted to people****

- **Bordetella Vaccine or Bordetella / Parainfluenza**

- Now Required Twice Yearly
 - Bordetella is one of the pathogens in the canine respiratory complex that has a vaccine available.

Your pet must also need to have tested negative for intestinal parasites within the last 6 months. Verification of the vaccinations and/or negative parasite test within a 6-month period may be requested prior to boarding your pet.

A zoonotic disease, also known as zoonosis, is a type of infectious disease that can be transmitted from your pet to your family. These diseases are caused by pathogens such as viruses, bacteria, fungi, and parasites that can be found in animals, many of which show no outward signs.

If your pet is due for their vaccinations or intestinal parasite test, you can contact our Veterinary Care Center of Richmond to schedule a wellness & vaccination appointment.

If your pet is not a current patient with Veterinary Care Center of Richmond, please provide us with a copy of your pet's most recent medical records so we can verify that they are up to date.

Thank you for your understanding and adherence to this Health Requirement Policy.