

Vaccination for Hospitalization and Surgery

Animal Hospital of Waynesboro

We require all pets to be vaccinated in order to stay in hospital for surgical and dental procedures as well as boarding. When pets are brought together and housed in an enclosed environment, there is a possibility of the spread of contagious diseases. Many infections, including kennel cough in dogs and viral upper respiratory infections in cats, can be carried and spread by pets that do not exhibit symptoms. In order to protect your pet and all the other patients at our hospital, we require that all dogs be vaccinated against distemper virus, parvovirus and adenovirus which are all included in most distemper vaccines. All dogs need to be vaccinated against kennel cough. We require cats to be vaccinated against feline distemper/rhinotracheitis virus, calici virus and panleukopenia virus which are included in most feline distemper vaccines. In accordance with Virginia law and for the safety of our staff, all pets must be vaccinated for rabies.

We accept vaccination by SPCA's, shelters and veterinary hospitals. Vaccinations are fragile medicines and must be kept at very stringent temperatures, they need to be administered properly in the correct manner and at the proper time interval. At the Animal Hospital of Waynesboro, only veterinarians and licensed technicians administer vaccinations. We monitor and closely regulate the temperature the vaccines are kept at, and have had to throw out vaccinations if the temperature of the refrigerator was off or if the vaccines arrived at our hospital without proper cooling. It is because of these reasons that we do not recognize vaccines purchased online, by catalog, or at the Farm Bureau and administered by an owner or breeder. We apologize for any inconvenience but our foremost concern is the safety and health of your pet and of all our patients.