



Vaccination Requirements for Hospitalization & Surgery

We require all pets to be vaccinated to stay in hospital for surgical and dental procedures as well as for 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. To protect your pet and all the other patients at our hospital, we require:

- **All pets must be vaccinated for rabies, in accordance with Virginia law and for the safety of our staff**
- **All dogs to be vaccinated against distemper virus, parvovirus, and adenovirus, which are all included in most distemper vaccines**
- **All dogs must also be vaccinated against kennel cough (Bordetella vaccine)**
- **All cats to be vaccinated against feline distemper/rhinotracheitis virus, calicivirus, and panleukopenia virus, which are included in most feline distemper vaccines**

We accept vaccinations given by SPCA's, shelters, and veterinary hospitals only. Vaccines 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 Animal Hospital of Waynesboro, only veterinarians and licensed technicians administer vaccinations. We monitor and closely regulate the temperature at which our vaccines are stored and will throw out vaccines if the temperature of the refrigerator is off or if the vaccines arrive at our hospital without proper cooling.

It is because of these reasons that we do not recognize vaccines purchased online, by catalog, or from the Farm Bureau, and/or administered by an owner or breeder. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but our foremost concern is the safety and health of your pet and of all our patients.