



Beaver County Humane Society

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Please email medical@beavercountyhumesociety.org or call 724-775-5801 ext. 137 to reschedule or if you have any questions.

Vaccine Clinic Procedures & Etiquette

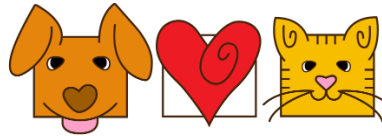
- If you're able, please **fax or email** your pet's vaccine history to us at **724-709-8357** (ATTN Vaccine Clinic) or medical@beavercountyhumesociety.org before your appointment. We will also accept paper records at your appointment.

Previous records will help us determine the duration that the vaccine will keep your pet protected. If you do not have previous records or do not have access to them, the minimum duration will be noted in your pet's medical records.

- If you arrive late to your appointment, you will be asked to wait until our veterinary technicians are done assisting other clients. You may also be asked to reschedule.
- When arriving for your appointment, pull up alongside the curb in front of the shelter at the time. Please remain inside your vehicle for the duration of the appointment unless otherwise instructed.
- All dogs must be wearing an appropriate collar and leash. All cats must be in a secure carrier.

Disclaimer: *Flexi (retractable) leashes and "choke" chains/prong collars are not permitted. If you need a leash and collar, you may purchase one from us. Ask a staff member for options and prices. **We will not see cats who are loose, on a leash, or in a cardboard box/tote.** If you do not have a carrier, you may purchase a cardboard carrier for \$10.00.*

- Veterinarian visits and car rides can be very stressful for your pet, and our goal is to lessen the stress/anxiety they're feeling at this time. Please bring positive enrichment items such as a favorite toy or treats to engage your pet while you wait.
- **Yelling at, hitting, and/or kicking your pet will not be tolerated, and you will be dismissed from our property.**
- **Verbally or physically abusing staff, volunteers, or other clients will not be tolerated, and you will be dismissed from our property.**
- Rabies vaccination is the only immunization for your pet required **BY LAW**. The duration of the Rabies vaccine can be either one (1) year or three (3) years depending on your pet's vaccine history.
- **A signed Rabies certificate from a licensed veterinarian is the only acceptable proof for prior Rabies vaccinations.** Rabies tags and receipts from your veterinarian's office are not considered valid proof of vaccination.



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- The feline distemper vaccine (FVRCP) and the canine distemper vaccine (DHPP) need a booster every 3-4 weeks until the animal is older than 16 weeks (four (4) months). If your pet is older than 16 weeks, these vaccinations require the initial immunization and one (1) booster, which occurs 3-4 weeks afterward. These two immunizations protect your pet for one (1) year.

If your pet has previously had a one (1) year or three (3) year distemper vaccine, a booster is not required.

- Vaccination and/or medical records are not required to schedule an appointment. If your pet does not have a vaccination history, no problem! We encourage all pet owners to ensure their pets are protected and up-to-date on vaccinations, regardless of their medical history.
- **Appointment times are staggered in half-hour increments; wait times may vary, and we appreciate your patience and understanding.**
- All pets receiving services must be healthy, not pregnant, and able to be safely handled.

Our veterinary staff may deem your pet unfit for vaccinations, and you may be asked to reschedule, or we may refer you to a full-service clinic.

- The animal's guardian/legal owner must be present to give vaccination consent. **We will not serve clients bringing in animals on behalf of someone else.**