

Daniel Webster Animal Hospital

Vaccination Consent Form

****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW****

As your veterinarians, we feel it is important to inform you of both the benefits and risks associated with vaccines. The benefit of vaccination is to increase your pet's protection against infectious diseases. With the advent and improvement of vaccines, we have seen the incidence of many infectious diseases decrease dramatically. The only vaccine that is REQUIRED by law is the rabies vaccine, although there are other "core" vaccines that we feel to be very important in safeguarding animal health. There are many "non-core" vaccines available, which may or may not be recommended, based on the individual pet's situation. The vaccines used at this hospital have been chosen specifically to provide the best possible immunity, with the lowest risk, to your pet.

Side effects can be seen with any vaccine, the most common being soreness at the injection site, mild lethargy for up to 24 hours and/or a small lump at the injection site that should resolve over 6-8 weeks. Uncommonly, one can see vomiting, diarrhea, fever or generalized pain. Very rarely, an animal can experience an anaphylactic reaction (leading to acute collapse or death), delayed immune events, or, in cats, vaccine site associated tumors.

Our current protocol is based on recommendations of the AAFP (American Association of Feline Practitioners), the ACVIM (American College of Internal Medicine, oncology specialty) and the Vaccine Consensus Board as published in the AAHA (American Animal Hospital) Journal, February 2003. Current opinion of these groups is to lengthen vaccine intervals, which is not in accordance with vaccine manufacturer label recommendations. For the Distemper combination vaccines for both dogs and cats, we recommend the initial puppy/kitten series, followed by a booster in one year, then boosters every three years. For cats, we are recommending a different rabies vaccine, which has been developed to cause less inflammation at the vaccine site than the standard rabies vaccine. This vaccine must be given on a yearly basis instead of every three years; however, we feel that the safety of this vaccine is superior to the standard rabies vaccine.

Any reaction that is noted should be brought to our attention so that we can note it in your pet's record and possibly make changes in future vaccinations. There are some reactions that may necessitate a follow-up visit with the veterinarian.

I have read the above information and consent to vaccination of my pet.

Note: In the event that your pet is due for a rabies vaccination, your initials in the last column verify that it has not bitten anyone in the past 10 days.

Signature	Pet's Name	Date	Initials