



## Pet Medical Center of Duncanville In-Hospital Stay Requirements

Because we are a medical facility, we want to ensure that all healthy pets coming in for boarding are parasite-free and up to date on the vaccines listed below. We do this so that we can maintain a safe environment for our staff caring for boarding pets, other boarders, and any immune-compromised patients that may also be in our facility. These are the same requirements that we have for pets staying in our hospital for day procedures, such as surgeries and dentals. **If a physical exam has not been performed in the last year by one of our veterinarians and any vaccines or medications need to be dispensed, we will have a doctor perform an exam.** Please don't hesitate to ask us any questions regarding our requirements.

Once the appointment is scheduled, we will be contacting you via your preferred contact method within 48 hours with an estimate for boarding and any vaccines or services needed for your pet's stay.

- **Rabies Vaccine:** Rabies is a serious disease caused by a virus that can be transmitted from mammal to mammal via saliva (usually a bite). This is a vaccine also required by law to be kept up to date.
- **Distemper Combo Vaccine (DA2PP):** This vaccination is actually a combination vaccine, meaning it protects against multiple diseases including distemper, adenovirus, parainfluenza, and parvo. This vaccine is considered a core vaccine and will keep your pet from contracting a number of serious, highly contagious, and potentially fatal diseases.
- **Bordetella Vaccine:** Also known as kennel cough, this vaccine prevents the spread of the highly contagious disease that can be contracted through droplets in the air when pets are in close quarters.
- **Canine Influenza Vaccine:** Canine influenza (CIV) is easily transmitted between dogs and can cause serious illness. There have been higher incidence rates of this virus recently, and dogs that are often around other dogs have a higher risk of contracting it. We require dogs to be vaccinated for **both** strains (H3N8 & H3N2). The initial vaccine requires a booster.
- **Consistent Heartworm Prevention:** This is a monthly prescription product that prevents microfilaria (baby heartworms) in the bloodstream from growing into full-size worms that infiltrate the heart – which if left untreated is fatal. It also contains an **intestinal parasite (worms) preventative**, which is important for maintaining a parasite-free pet.
- **Fecal:** This is a laboratory test that checks for intestinal worms and microscopic organisms that can cause diarrhea, vomiting, and other gastrointestinal upset. Pets are frequently exposed to intestinal parasites in the environment that are spread by infected pets and wild animals. Many intestinal parasites are also highly transmissible between animals and humans. Pets that are current on monthly heartworm prevention are required to have had a fecal test within 1 year.
- **Deworm:** If your pet is not current on consistent heartworm prevention, we will require a dose of dewormer to be given.

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