

Paws Of The Rockies Animal Hospital

Vaccination Consent Form:

The veterinarians at Paws of the Rockies Animal Hospital firmly believe the benefits of vaccination outweigh the risks associated with this medical procedure. However, like any medical procedure, vaccinations carry inherent risks. Although most adverse reactions associated with vaccinations are minor, on rare occasions vaccinations may be associated with serious side effects. Some pets will have allergic reactions that can occur in minutes to hours post injection and can involve facial swelling, breathing problems, vomiting, diarrhea and lethargy. The most severe reaction is the development in some cats of malignant cancers (sarcomas) years later at the injection site. In addition, vaccinations when given too frequently can suppress the immune system or over stimulate the immune system leading to immune disease. For all these reasons, we at Paws of the Rockies desire to educate you regarding the advantages and disadvantages of vaccinations.

Vaccinations provide preventative medical care for your pet. The goal is to develop your pet's immunity against specific diseases that they may be exposed to and thereby avoid infection from those diseases. There is no guarantee that your pet will respond to the vaccination with sufficient immunity. Though no vaccine is guaranteed one hundred percent effective, vaccines remain the best barrier to those diseases.

The vaccinations used and the frequency of vaccination recommended for your pet represents the newest vaccination guidelines as recommended by the American Animal Hospital Association, the American Veterinary Medical Association as well as Colorado State University.

Common reactions which normally subside within 24-48 hours:

- *Pain or swelling at the injection site
- *Tired and less active, more quiet than usual
- *Loss of appetite

Severe reactions that require immediate veterinary care:

- *Rapid, difficult, or noisy breathing (PANTING IN CATS)
- *Severe trembling
- *Facial swelling (will be obvious) and/or hives (raised circular swellings on the body)
- *Sudden onset of vomiting or diarrhea
- ***UNRESPONSIVE** sleepiness from which you cannot awaken your pet

VERY IMPORTANT:

If the site of a vaccination remains swollen, or is getting larger, one month following vaccination, or is still present three months after vaccination, PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH US, as this could be the sign of a more serious problem.

By signing this form I acknowledge that I understand the advantages and disadvantages of vaccinations as stated above. I agree with the vaccinations that will be given to my pet and I agree that I have had all of my questions answered regarding vaccinations.

Guardian's Signature

Date ___/___/___

Veterinarian's Signature

*You will be notified by telephone or mail of the appropriate times for future vaccine boosters.