

## Informed Waiver

*Updated 2-23-16*

**Our doctors recommend the following tests, vaccinations, or procedures. Failure to follow these recommendations can lead to serious illness, death, substantial vet bills, contagion to other animals, and in some cases, to humans.**

- **Heartworms Testing and Monthly Preventative:** Very common in our area, we see 1 or 2 cases a week in our clinic; Risk is high if not on prevention; Treatment is long, complex, expensive, many serious complications; Almost invariably fatal.
  - **Distemper, Parvo Virus, Hepatitis, & Parainfluenza (DHPP):** A leading cause of death, especially in unvaccinated puppies
  - **Leptospirosis:** Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease that causes kidney & liver failure. It is passed to dogs & humans from the urine, saliva, blood, or milk of infected farm animals & wildlife, or from contaminated water. Infected dogs can transmit the disease to humans. However, because of possible vaccine reactions, our doctors may not recommend this vaccine for some tiny breed dogs.
  - **Kennel Cough (Bordetella):** Very annoying croupy cough lasting up to 3 weeks, rarely life threatening; highly contagious; Responsible kennels, grooming salons, and trainers *will not accept* dogs without this vaccination.
  - **Testing, Treating, and Prevention of Intestinal Parasites:** Some can be transmitted to humans; in rare cases can lead to problems as serious as *blindness in human children*, approximately 900 cases of blindness in children per year in the US
  - **Rabies:** Though uncommon, rabies is present in the area, is fatal, and can be transmitted to humans. Failure to vaccinate is against the law; can result in impoundment and/or euthanasia of pets; fines & fees; and lawsuits.
  - **Feline Leukemia (FeLV):** Rampant in the area, hundreds of deaths annually. Invariably fatal and highly contagious to other cats
  - **Panleukopenia, Calicivirus, Rhinotracheitis (CVRC):** A common cause of death, especially in unvaccinated kittens.
  - **FeLV/FIV Testing (cats):** Failure to test prior to vaccination renders future tests useless; exposure of other cats to potentially fatal disease; may render vaccinations & medical treatment useless.
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- **Current elsewhere per owner without proof.** My pet has had the above-recommended tests, vaccinations, and/or procedures administered by another licensed veterinarian within the last year.
  - **Vaccinated by owner/breeder/other.** I accept complete & total responsibility for any problem, disease, or death arising from error, omission, or defective products.

I have read and understand the potential consequences of failure to follow my veterinarians' recommendations. I accept all responsibility for any illness, death, or medical expenses that may result, including illness & death in any humans affected by my decision. I hereby release Pet Vet, Inc., its doctors, staff, employees, owners, directors, officers, from any and all claims arising out of my decision to decline these recommendations.

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Owner's Name (please print)

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Owner's Signature

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Date

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Pet's Name(s) (please print)