

# *Eastview Animal Wellness llc*

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## **The following are explanations of offered vaccinations, the diseases they aim to prevent, how those diseases are transmitted, and how the diseases may affect your pet:**

### **CATS:**

**Rabies Vaccination-** a killed virus vaccine to aid in the prevention of rabies, a deadly disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system. The virus is secreted in saliva and is usually transmitted to people and animals by a bite from an infected animal. Cats are the most common domestic animal infected with rabies. Vaccination of pets is extremely important to prevent human exposure to this fatal virus. Rabies vaccinations are required by law for all cats.

**HCP Vaccination-** a modified live virus vaccine to aid in the prevention of disease caused by feline rhinotracheitis, calici and panleukopenia viruses. Feline rhinotracheitis is caused by a herpes virus that is a major cause of upper respiratory disease and conjunctivitis (inflammation of the tissue around the eyes) in cats of all ages. The virus is spread through respiratory and ocular secretions. Once a cat is infected they become a carrier and the disease can "reactivate" at a later date, usually during times of stress. Similarly, calicivirus is an important cause of respiratory and oral disease in cats. Feline panleukopenia is a highly contagious viral disease causing severe diarrhea, anemia and decreased white blood cells. The virus is everywhere in the environment and cats of any age may be infected. This vaccination is recommended for all cats.

**FELV Vaccination-** a killed virus vaccine to aid in the prevention of disease and tumors caused by the Feline Leukemia Virus, which is similar to HIV in humans. This virus is transmitted between cats through bodily fluids, most often due to bite wounds or mutual grooming. Vaccination is recommended for all kittens, all cats that go outside, and for cats that live in a household with a cat that has Feline Leukemia or have exposure to outside cats. It is important that ALL cats be tested for Feline leukemia, when they are first brought into a household and annually thereafter if they go outside.

### **DOGS:**

**Rabies Vaccination-** a killed virus vaccine to aid in the prevention of rabies, a deadly disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system. The virus is secreted in saliva and is usually transmitted to people and animals by a bite from an infected animal. Vaccination of pets is extremely important to prevent human exposure to this fatal virus. Rabies vaccinations are required by law for all dogs.

**DAPP Vaccination-** a modified live virus vaccine to aid in the prevention of disease caused by canine distemper virus, adenovirus type 1&2 (hepatitis and respiratory disease), canine parainfluenza and canine parvovirus. Canine distemper is a highly contagious and serious disease caused by a virus that attacks the respiratory, gastrointestinal and nervous system of puppies and dogs that become infected through airborne exposure to the virus contained in respiratory secretions of an infected dog or wild animal. Adenovirus is transmitted among dogs by secretions such as saliva, urine or feces and can cause liver failure and eye damage. Parainfluenza is a respiratory virus in dogs. Parvovirus is a very contagious, debilitating and widespread disease spread through infected feces. Parvovirus causes high fever, vomiting and diarrhea that is potentially fatal. This vaccination is recommended for all dogs.

**Leptospirosis Vaccination-** a bacterin vaccine to aid in the prevention of disease caused by *Leptospira* species bacteria. These bacteria are everywhere and dogs become infected when they come in contact with infected urine, urine-contaminated soil, water, food or bedding or through a bite from an infected animal or from eating infected tissues or carcasses. The disease can cause liver failure, kidney failure, severe lung disease and bleeding disorders. Vaccination is recommended for any dog that drink from rivers, lakes or streams, roam on rural properties, are exposed to wild animal or farm animal species (even in the back yard), or dogs that contact rodents or other dogs (such as in urban areas, dog parks or kennels). Vaccination is especially important because this disease can be transmitted from dogs to humans. This vaccination is recommended for all dogs that may be exposed.

### **HORSES:**

**Rabies:** Rabies is an infrequently encountered neurologic disease of horses. Although the incidence of rabies is low, it is invariably fatal and can be transmitted to humans. This vaccination is recommended for all horses on an annual basis.

**Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis (EEE), Western Equine Encephalomyelitis (WEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV).** These three viral diseases are transmitted by mosquitoes and cause neurologic disease in horses. This vaccination is recommended for every horse annually in the spring and every six months for horses that live in areas of high mosquito populations.

**Tetanus:** Tetanus is caused by neurotoxin from a bacteria that is abundant in the environment. Horses are very susceptible to this disease and vaccination is recommended for all horses on an annual basis.

**Equine herpesvirus (EHV 1 and 4) and Influenza** cause respiratory disease in horses. EHV can also cause abortion in mares and neurologic disease. Vaccinations is recommended annually for all horses and semi-annually for horses less than 5 years of age, performance horses, and horses housed at facilities with frequent equine movement on and off the premises.

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**VACCINATION DISCLOSURE AND AUTHORIZATION**

**Vaccination Procedure:**

Your dog, cat, or horse will be given a vaccination that is a solution of killed or weakened viruses, bacteria, fungi, or protozoa that is administered under the skin, in the muscle, or in the nose. The vaccination is designed to stimulate your pet's immune system before exposure occurs to protect him/her against disease.

**Vaccination Reactions and Risks:**

As with any medical procedure, vaccinations are not risk free. Three categories of complications can occur: Vaccination Failure, Mild Reactions, and Serious Reactions.

With Vaccination Failure, a small portion of any population of pets may not respond adequately leaving the pet unprotected. It's hard to predict which pets won't respond and it is not practical to do titers on every pet.

Mild Vaccination Reactions occur in about one in four vaccinated pets. Mild reactions are rarely life threatening but should always be reported to the veterinarian and may necessitate a doctor examination. Mild vaccination reaction symptoms include:

- 1). Facial and lip swelling.
- 2). Hives and itching.
- 3). Pain and swelling on the skin, in the muscles and the joints.
- 4). Sterile abscesses.
- 5). Transient lethargy with fever.
- 6). Vomiting and diarrhea.
- 7). Hair loss at the injection site that may be temporary or permanent.
- 8). Sneezing.
- 9). Mild signs of the "disease" vaccinated for.

Mild vaccination reactions usually respond rapidly to treatment.

Serious Vaccination Reactions are very uncommon; occurring in less than one in ten thousand pets (.01%). Serious side effects always necessitate a doctor exam or an emergency exam if occurrence is "after hours." Serious side effects include:

- 1). Anaphylaxis and shock.
- 2). Immune mediated diseases causing inflamed blood vessels (vasculitis), low blood cell and platelet counts.
- 3). Tumor formation at the vaccination site called a "fibrosarcoma."

Fibrosarcomas can be aggressive and fatal. These tumors seem to be most commonly associated with rabies vaccines but any vaccination can cause them. These growths usually occur in cats only. Any serious side effects can be difficult to treat successfully.

**ADVERSE MICROCHIP REACTIONS**

Possible adverse microchip reactions include transponder failure and microchip migration. Reports of infection and foreign body reaction are rare. On very rare occasions, it is possible that a reaction to the foreign body can lead to tumor formation.

I understand what diseases my pet is being vaccinated for. I also understand that while vaccinations and microchipping are very important for the health of my pet, no medical procedure is without risk and that on very rare occasions severe complications may even result in death. I also understand that, while Eastview Animal Wellness LLC can provide care for mild reactions and first aid for severe reactions, I may need to seek care at an urgent care facility for severe reactions and that I am responsible for all costs incurred for treatment of any complications due to vaccine administration.

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