

HAPPY TAILS PET THERAPY, INC.
VETERINARY HEALTH RECORD

PLEASE PRINT

Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone (H):
Phone (C):
Email:

Pet Name:
Species: ( ) Dog ( ) Cat ( ) Rabbit
Breed: Color:
Age: Weight:
Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female
Altered: ( ) Yes ( ) No

CANINE

FELINE

Annual Requirements Date Result
Bordatella Vaccination
Fecal Exam

Annual Requirements Date Result
FIV Test
Fecal Exam

Rabies Requirement (select ONE option)
( ) 3 Year Vaccination OR ( ) Annual Vaccination
Date of last vaccination:

Rabies Requirement (select ONE option)
( ) 3 Year Vaccination OR ( ) Annual Vaccination
Date of last vaccination:

Core Vaccine Requirements (select ONE option)
( ) Annual antibody titers for Distemper and Parvovirus
with Adequate results for each.

Core Vaccine Requirements (select ONE option)
( ) Annual antibody titers for Parvovirus and Herpes
Virus/Calicivirus with Adequate results for each.

Submit copy of laboratory results with this form.

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Date of titer:

Date of titer:

Results: ( ) Adequate ( ) Inadequate

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OR

OR

( ) The following four vaccinations at least every 3 years
Date of last vaccination
Distemper
Parvovirus
Adenovirus2/Hepatitis
Para Influenza

( ) The following two vaccinations at least every 3 years
Date of last vaccination
Parvovirus
Herpes virus/Calicivirus

RABBIT

Annual Requirement Date Result
Fecal Exam

Feline Leukemia Requirement (select ONE option)
( ) Annual Blood Test OR ( ) Vaccination
with negative result at least every two years
Date: Date:
Result:

TEMPERAMENT - ALL ANIMALS

In your opinion, does this pet have the temperament and health to be a good candidate for use in an animal assisted therapy program? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Veterinarian Signature: Date:
Veterinarian Name: Telephone:
Practice Name & Address:

## Happy Tails Pet Therapy, Inc. Health Requirements for Dogs

The Board of Directors has approved the following requirements as recommended by the Happy Tails Veterinary Advisory Board. These requirements offer preventive healthcare options for your dog, while continuing to protect our clients and other Happy Tails pets. At the time of the annual exam, your veterinarian is asked to complete and sign the **Happy Tails Veterinary Health Record**. **Receipts are NOT acceptable in lieu of the signed health form.** Members are encouraged to keep a copy of the health form, laboratory tests and receipts from your veterinarian as an important cross check and reference.

### Annual Examination

An annual exam is an important component of a comprehensive, individualized health care program for your dog. You and your veterinarian will have the opportunity to discuss health care options that will help you make informed decisions on what is necessary to keep your pet healthy.

### Vaccinations & Tests

Vaccination needs are based on the age, breed, health status, environment (potential exposure to harmful agents), lifestyle (contact with other animals) and travel habits of your dog.<sup>1</sup> For many years, a set of annual vaccinations was considered normal and necessary for dogs and cats. Veterinarians have since learned more about diseases and pets' immune systems, and there is increasing evidence that immunity triggered by some vaccines provides protection beyond one year.<sup>2</sup> Vaccine program goals include providing optimal immunity against clinically relevant diseases your animal is at risk to contract, while minimizing the potential for adverse events. Information about the benefits and risks of vaccination is important when making decisions about individual vaccine selection and vaccination program choices.<sup>3</sup> Vaccines and tests not mentioned here are not required by Happy Tails.

**Bordatella:** Bordatella (kennel cough) is a highly contagious infection that causes a dry, hacking cough and nasal discharge. It is transmitted from animal to animal by direct contact and airborne transmission, often in settings where animals come in close contact with one another such as boarding kennels. Since the vaccine is a modified live virus it is suggested that dogs not visit for three days following administration. **Vaccine is required annually.**

**Fecal Exam:** A negative result will confirm that your dog is free of intestinal parasites. **This simple test is required annually.**

**Rabies Vaccine:** Rabies is transmitted when the virus is introduced into bite wounds, open cuts in skin, or onto mucous membranes. State law requires the administration of a vaccine by a licensed veterinarian. **Antibody titers are not accepted as an alternative to vaccination. Annual or 3-year vaccine required.**

**Distemper, Parvovirus, Adenovirus 2 (Hepatitis), Parainfluenza:** These serious diseases are transmitted from animal to animal in a variety of ways but are not a threat to humans. Studies have revealed that after the initial puppy series and 1 year booster, an animal may be protected from disease for up to 7 years or, in some cases, a lifetime. Protective immunity depends on many factors, including but not limited to the type of vaccine given and the health status of the animal.<sup>4</sup>

**You and your veterinarian should discuss which of the following options is best for your pet.**

**Option 1. 3 year vaccine (usually a combination of two or more different agents).**

**Option 2. Annual antibody titers for Distemper and Parvovirus.**

Antibody titers are measured by a simple blood test. This test determines the amount of antibody that exists from previous vaccination for distemper and parvovirus. The laboratory results indicate whether or not the level of antibody is "adequate" or "inadequate" in protecting your dog from these diseases. Studies suggest that booster vaccination is unnecessary when the antibody titer is "adequate." Therefore, an adequate antibody titer for distemper and parvovirus means vaccination for all four diseases is not required by Happy Tails. **A copy of the laboratory results must be submitted with the Happy Tails Veterinary Health Record. Titers are required annually unless the animal is re-vaccinated.**

**Leptospirosis:** This disease is spread through the urine of infected (often wild) animals, which can get into water or soil and can survive there for weeks to months. If infection occurs, your pet may have been drinking, swimming, or walking through contaminated water.<sup>5</sup> Humans can be infected by coming into contact with the urine of infected animals. There are many different strains and not all vaccines protect against all types. Vaccination depends on your dog's risk of exposure and the prevalence and type of leptospirosis disease seen in your area. **Optional if animal is determined to be at risk.**

<sup>1</sup> Report of the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) Canine Vaccine Task Force: 2003 Canine Vaccine Guidelines, Recommendations, and Supporting Literature

<sup>2</sup> American Veterinary Medical Association; What you should know about vaccination, October 2002

<sup>3</sup> American Veterinary Medical Association; Vaccine Policy Statement 2003

<sup>4</sup> Same as #3

<sup>5</sup> Centers for Disease Control, Healthy Pets-Healthy People, <http://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/animals/dogs.htm>, 2003