



Post-Clinic Pet Care Instructions



The following recommendations are general guidelines.

Traveling with Your Pet: Some pets become car sick. If possible, do not feed your pet for at least 1 hour before or after traveling or allow your pet to consume large amounts of water during that time frame. Do not administer any oral medication within 2 hours of traveling. If your pet has received oral de-worming medication at our clinic and vomits within one hour after receiving the medication, please contact us so that we may provide you with an additional dose that you can administer at home. You may also request that the medication be sent home with you to decrease the chance of your pet vomiting up the medication due to motion sickness.

Microchipping: Microchips are about the size of a grain of rice and are implanted under the skin in between the shoulder blades through a needle & syringe. Do NOT bathe your pet or allow the implant site to become wet for 14 days after the implantation. **Although HEART has pre-paid for your pet's microchip registration, it is your responsibility to IMMEDIATELY REGISTER YOUR PET'S MICROCHIP ONLINE at AvidID.com.** Always update your contact information with Avid when ever there is a change in your phone number, email, or address. A lost pet cannot be reunited with its owner if the owner cannot be found! If you need assistance with the registration or if you have lost or found a pet, call **Avid at 1-800-446-2843.**

Flea & Tick Control Medication: Follow the product instructions which accompany the medication dispensed for your pet. Most topical and oral flea & tick control medications are effective for approximately 30 days. Do NOT use these medications within 30 days after using another flea/tick control medication, including any flea/tick control shampoo, spray, dip, or flea collar.

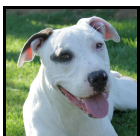
Vaccines: Do NOT bathe your pet within 72 hours after it receives vaccinations. Do NOT allow your cat to go outside until at least 72 hours after receiving a vaccination. Observe your pet closely for at least 24 hours post-vaccination. Although rare, adverse reactions to vaccines can occur. Read the information on the back of your yellow Certificate of Vaccination to learn what is an adverse reaction as opposed to a normal reaction. Post vaccination, your pet may become a little lethargic (tired) or sore when the injection was given. You can give your pet BENADRYL (Diphenhydramine) (non-flavored tablets or non-flavored/dye-free liquid) to help relieve soreness. Do NOT give any Benadryl to your pet if it weighs under 3 pounds (lbs) and NEVER give your pet Tylenol... it can be FATAL! (The dosage of Benadryl listed below can also be used daily for 3 weeks to help reduce itchiness caused by other allergies).

DIPHENHYDRAMINE DOSAGE: (1 mg per pound of body weight every 12 hours) *

<u>Pet's weight</u>	<u>Benadryl (mg)</u>	<u>Liquid (12.5 mg per 5 ml)</u>	<u>Tablets (25 mg)</u>
6 pounds	6 mg	2.5 ml	1/4 tablet
8 pounds	8 mg	3 ml	1/4 tablet
10 pounds	10 mg	4 ml	1/4 tablet
12 pounds	12 mg	5 ml	1/2 tablet
15 pounds	15 mg	6 ml	1/2 tablet
20 pounds	20 mg	8 ml	1/2 tablet
25 pounds	25 mg	10 ml	1 tablet

* If your pet becomes listless or sleepy after the medication is given, you may cut the dose in half or completely stop the medication.

In the event your pet shows any symptoms of an adverse vaccine reaction such as vomiting, diarrhea, fever, severe shaking, swelling, extreme lethargy, or other symptoms or abnormal behavior, immediately take it to a veterinarian. For the health and welfare of your pet, it is important that it receives annual check-ups by a licensed veterinarian.



Please visit our website to schedule your pet's booster vaccinations and for information about other services.

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