

## Information and Consent Form For Vaccines for Your Dog and Cat

### Dog:

<u>Core Vaccines</u>	<u>Non-Core Vaccines</u>	<u>Not Recommended</u>
Rabies	Bordatella	Adenovirus-1
Distemper	Lymes	Coronavirus
Parvovirus	Leptospirosis	Giardia
Parainfluenza		

### Cat:

<u>Core Vaccines</u>	<u>Non-Core Vaccines</u>	<u>Not Recommended</u>
Rabies	Feline Leukemia	F.I.P. - Feline
Panleukopenia	Chlamydiosis	Infectious Peritonitis
Rhinotracheitis	F.I.V.	Ringworm
Calicivirus		

#### Are vaccines safe?

Although vaccines must undergo safety trials to receive licensing in the U.S. and are considered very safe vaccines can still cause reactions in a small number of pets. Most commonly, dogs or cats will feel tired, may run a fever for 24 to 48 hours after vaccination, and may not eat. In some cats, a small, non-painful lump may form at the site where the vaccine was injected; usually disappearing 4 to 6 weeks later. Rarely, a pet will develop facial swelling or a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis), accompanied by vomiting, diarrhea, breathing difficulties and collapse. Anaphylactic reactions are rarely fatal if treated immediately and appropriately.

There is some evidence that vaccines may be implicated in some immune-mediated disorders in dogs and cats. Vaccines are probably only one of many causes for these disorders, which are still uncommon.

#### What are vaccine-associated sarcomas?

Since 1991, researchers and veterinarians have discovered life-threatening tumors forming at previous vaccine sites in cats. Estimated to occur in 1 in 10,000 cats, these tumors have been most commonly attributed to rabies and feline leukemia vaccines. New investigations and research are currently looking at preventing this unfortunate reaction. Any persistent lump developing in or under the skin of your cat following a vaccination should be examined by your veterinarian.

#### Are there alternatives to vaccination?

Despite the occasional risks associated with vaccination, it is widely accepted that vaccination plays an important role in protecting pets. However, some owners may wish not to have their pet vaccinated. Unfortunately, there are no tests available at this time that are accepted as a reliable means of measuring immunity that may result from previous vaccines.

Pet Owner Signature:

Date: