

Hwy 5 Animal Hospital Rabies Vaccination Policy

Effective January 1 2024

Policy Statement:

Hwy 5 Animal Hospital is committed to ensuring the health and safety of our patients, clients, and staff. In accordance with responsible pet ownership and public health standards, we have established a Rabies Vaccination Policy to minimize the risk of rabies transmission within our facility.

Policy Details

Mandatory Rabies Vaccination:

- All pets scheduled for veterinary visits at Hwy 5 Animal Hospital must be up to date on their rabies vaccinations.
- The rabies vaccination should be administered by a licensed veterinarian and be within the specified time frame based on the vaccination schedule recommended by the veterinarian.
- Rabies vaccinations are required by local, state, and federal law to be administered by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with Georgia state law.

Verification of Rabies Vaccination:

- Clients must provide documented proof of their pet's current rabies vaccination status upon arrival for appointments.
- Accepted proof includes a vaccination certificate or a record from a licensed veterinarian indicating the date of the rabies vaccination, its expiration date, and the administering veterinarian's contact information.
- Verification of Rabies Vaccination:
- Clients must provide documented proof of their pet's current rabies vaccination status before scheduling or attending appointments.
- Accepted proof includes a vaccination certificate or a record from a licensed veterinarian indicating the date of the rabies vaccination, its expiration date, and the administering veterinarian's contact information.

Exemptions:

- In certain cases, exemptions may be considered due to medical reasons. Clients must provide a written statement from their veterinarian explaining the medical necessity for exemption.
- Exemptions are subject to approval by Hwy 5 Animal Hospital and must be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Client Refusal of Rabies Vaccination:

- In cases where the client refuses to maintain current rabies vaccinations by choice and not due to medically justified exemptions, clients will be required to sign a Client Refusal of Rabies Against Medical Advice Form.
- In cases where there is a history of aggression or previous bite history, as well as patients deemed Caution or Will Bite based on the patient's history, Hwy 5 Animal Hospital reserves the right to refuse service for that patient in the best interest of the Veterinarians and Staff of the hospital.

Enforcement:

- Hwy 5 Animal Hospital reserves the right to refuse service to any pet not in compliance with the Rabies Vaccination Policy.
- Non-compliance may result in rescheduling or cancellation of appointments until the pet's rabies vaccination is updated.

Communication:

- Clients will be informed of the Rabies Vaccination Policy and reminded of the legal requirement during appointment confirmation.

Review and Revision:

This policy will be reviewed annually and revised as necessary to ensure alignment with current veterinary best practices, legal requirements, and public health guidelines.

By adhering to this Rabies Vaccination Policy, Hwy 5 Animal Hospital aims to create a safe and healthy environment for all pets, clients, and staff members. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to responsible pet care.