

AP-120-PR Medical, Intake Protocol

Summary: Lifesaving centers administer a standardized set of vaccinations and preventive care on a set schedule according to Operational Protocol to promote individual and population health and streamline organizational operations.

Operational Procedure: All animals entering our care receive an intake exam, vaccines, prophylactic deworming, and ectoparasite prevention upon arrival. Dogs also receive heartworm prevention. Routine screening is performed for FeLV/FIV in cats and heartworm in dogs.

Timing:

- Intake exam and treatments should be performed as soon as reasonably possible after entering our care and must be completed within 24 hours of arrival.
- A 2-3 week range for booster vaccination is given. Staff should strive to vaccinate at the short end of this range, particularly for animals housed on-site (at higher risk). Foster or operational logistical issues may make vaccination at the 2-week mark difficult, and any time within the 2-3 week range is medically acceptable.

Intake exam: An intake exam should be performed by a trained staff member (veterinarian, technician, or designated staff member trained in Best Friends medical intake protocols).

Record-keeping: All exam findings and treatments are entered into medical/shelter software in a timely manner.

Puppies (< 6 months):

- Modified live DHPP
 - Initial vaccine: 4 weeks of age (or upon arrival if older)
 - Booster: every 2-3 weeks until 18-20 weeks of age
 - Location: right forelimb/scapula area
- Intranasal Bordetella and parainfluenza
 - Initial vaccine: 4 weeks of age (or upon arrival if older)
- Rabies:
 - If 3 months of age or older, rabies may be given at intake, if allowed by law/circumstances
 - Location: right rear limb
- Pyrantel (50mg/ml): 1ml/10 lbs by mouth on intake, repeat every 2 weeks until 12 weeks of age
- Ponazuril: 50mg/kg by mouth once
- Heartworm prevention beginning at 8 weeks, repeat according to label
- Flea/tick prevention beginning at 8 weeks, repeat according to label
- Microchip (except if neonate) if not already present on scan

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Adult Dogs (6 months or older):

- Modified live DHPP
 - Initial vaccine upon intake
 - Booster: one booster in 2-3 weeks; next due in one year, then every 3 years
 - Location: right forelimb/scapula area
- Intranasal Bordetella and parainfluenza
 - Initial vaccine upon intake, then annually
- Rabies:
 - May be given at intake, if allowed by law/circumstances
 - Location: right rear limb
- Nursing/pregnant dogs are vaccinated according to protocol.
- Pyrantel (50mg/ml): 1ml/10 lbs by mouth upon intake
- Heartworm antigen test (any brand)
- Heartworm prevention, repeat according to label
- Flea/tick prevention, repeat according to label
- Microchip if not already present on scan

Kittens (< 6 months):

- Modified live FVCRP
 - Initial vaccine: 4 weeks of age (or upon arrival if older)
 - Booster: every 2-3 weeks until 18-20 weeks of age.
 - Location: Distal right forelimb (below elbow)
- FeLV if going into long-term group housing (Sanctuary)
 - Initial vaccine: 8 weeks of age or when group-housing status established
 - Booster: once in 2 weeks, then in one year.
 - Location: Distal left rear limb (below hock)
- Rabies:
 - if 3 months of age or older, rabies may be given at intake, if allowed by law/circumstances
 - Location: distal right rear limb (below hock)
- Pyrantel (50mg/ml): 1ml/10 lbs by mouth on intake, repeat every 2 weeks until 12 weeks of age.
- Ponazuril: 50mg/kg by mouth once
- Flea prevention beginning at 6-8 weeks, repeat according to label.
- Microchip (except if neonate) if not already present on scan

Adult Cats (6 months or older):

- Modified live FVCRP
 - Initial vaccine: 4 weeks of age (or upon arrival if older)
 - Booster: every 2-3 weeks until 18-20 weeks of age

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- Exception: if a cat is suspected to be pregnant and is getting vaccinated prior to spay surgery OR if nursing kittens less than 4 weeks of age, administer killed FVRCP if available (do not give MLV FVRCP)
- Location: Distal right forelimb (below elbow)
- FeLV, if going into long-term group housing (Sanctuary)
 - Initial vaccine: upon intake or when group-housing status established
 - Booster: once in 2 weeks, then in one year
 - Location: Distal left rear limb (below hock)
- Rabies:
 - if 3 months of age or older, rabies may be given at intake, if allowed by law/circumstances
 - Location: distal right rear limb (below hock)
- Pyrantel (50mg/ml): 1ml/10 lbs by mouth on intake
- FeLV/FIV test (Idexx SNAP)
- Flea prevention beginning at 8 weeks, repeat according to label
- Microchip if not already present on scan

Related documents:

- [AP-120 Medical, Intake Policy](#)

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