

## Medical Intake Protocol for Inbound Shelter Animals

### Vaccines start at 6wks

- **Dogs:** DAPP and KC should be given on intake unless record of previous vaccine, 2 DAPP total if 5m or over, boosters needed q2 weeks if younger
- **Cats:** FVRCP should be given on intake unless record of previous vaccine, 2 FVRCP total if 5m or older, boosters needed q2 weeks if younger
- **Rabies:** If no record of previous vaccine with vet approval at 3m of age

### Medications that must be given on intake to all animals

- Strongid - re-dose in 2 weeks then maintain all dogs on Ivermectin based preventative monthly
- Flea Preventative, continue monthly
- Ivermectin (HW prevention) if needed
  - If HW positive: ivermectin heartworm prevention given at 0.03cc/10lbs or Heartguard/Iverheart
  - If HW negative: ivermectin heartworm prevention given at 0.03cc/10lbs or Heartguard/Iverheart
- **Dogs:** Heartworm test- do one test per dog at 6m or older and no previous record
- **Cats:** Felv/FIV test- combine blood if possible - all incoming cats get tested regardless of whether or not they have an existing test on file. \*\*  
\*\*SINGULAR EXCEPTION: Cats coming from AAC who are Neg/Neg on whole blood do NOT need a retest.\*\*
- Cats with an existing positive whole blood test (this stands for FeLV+ results AS WELL AS FIV+) should be serum tested straight away. \*\*even if from AAC
  - Cats combo test over 5 weeks of age only
  - If FELV positive, spin down blood and retest using serum only, be careful not to lyse the cells when drawing blood.
    - If still positive, inform foster and ask if they can still foster
      - If yes, then run PCV/TP and fill dewormers as per FeLV Dewormer Protocol, send home, retest in 4 weeks on serum and give instructions on keeping separate from any other cats
      - If not, notify Cat Foster Team and Cat Adoption Manager
      - If FIV positive alone, inform foster and ask if can still foster and give information about FIV
      - If not, notify Cat Foster Team and Cat Adoption Manager
- **Nursing or Pregnant Moms:** Mothers and kittens should be tested individually. Do not rely on the diagnostic test result of a Mother Cat to determine the FeLV status of her kittens.
- **Bottle baby kittens:** combine multiple kittens blood for one test, MAXIMUM 3 kittens.
  - FELV (only) test only if 4 weeks or under (saves money)
  - Combo test if 5 weeks and older
  - If FELV positive, spin down blood and retest using serum only. Test individually.

- If still positive, take PCV/TP, fill dewormers as per FeLV Dewormer Protocol, and inform foster and ask if can still foster.
    - Kittens should be separated based on Negative or Positive status
    - Kittens who are Negative but have been with Positive cats (siblings, Mother, etc.) should be considered exposed, kept separate from other cats for 30 days, and tested individually on serum at that time. If Negative at retest consider Negative. If Positive on retest test again in 30 days to confirm Positive.
    - Do not combine this litter with another litter or mom
  - Do complete health checklist to determine if ok to mix with another litter/mom
  - If only received felv test, combo test to be done at S/N or at Cattery Clearance Exam.
- Fur loss
  - Skin scrape- use proper technique
    - If positive for mange, Rx appropriate medications (Ivermectin or Bravecto), send foster with appropriate handouts
      - If positive but pt is heartworm positive, Rx Bravecto
    - If negative, do ear itch test
      - may start mange treatment if symptoms are typical of sarcoptes only
      - if not itchy see fur loss protocol
- Blacklight all cats
- URI
  - Temp,
  - antibiotics,
  - +/- nebulizer,
  - appropriate handouts
  - MUST recheck asap if not eating well
- Injury, HBC etc - Must see vet asap
  - Pain meds, verify what's been given
- Microchip
  - EVERY DOG and CAT >6 weeks of age - always scan first!