

# RIVER ROAD ANIMAL HOSPITAL ANNUAL BOARDING ADMISSION FORM

## **BOARDING POLICIES**

**A.** All animals entering the River Road Animal Hospital boarding facility must be current on all required vaccinations and testing. If these are not current, they will be updated at the time of admission.

**Dogs:** Rabies, Distemper/Parvo, 6-month Bordetella, intestinal parasite exam

**Cats:** Rabies, FVRCP, Bordetella, intestinal parasite exam.

**B.** If your pet is vaccinated at another facility, you must provide written verification. If not, the necessary vaccines and testing will be provided. Three year vaccinations will be accepted with proper history. If your pet has not been examined by a doctor at River Road Animal Hospital within the past year, an exam is required prior to boarding.

**C.** All pets will receive a wellness assessment at admission.

**D.** All pets must be free of external parasites upon admission. Any observed fleas, ticks or mites must be treated.

**E.** Owner is aware that there is no staff on the premises overnight.

**F.** Although we allow personal items to be brought with your pet, we are not responsible for items lost or damaged while boarding. All personal items must be permanently marked with owner's last name.

**G.** We encourage you to provide your pet's diet from home. If you prefer, we will provide our sensitive stomach/gastroenteric diet at no additional cost. Please be aware that variations in diet and changes in normal habits can cause GI disturbances. At the discretion of the veterinarian, fecal exams will be performed and treatment for diarrhea administered to ensure the safety of all of our boarders.

**H.** Although we encourage a low-stress environment, some pets will bark much more than normal while boarding. This may cause sore throats, bronchitis, or temporary changes in your pet's bark (hoarseness). Cats are also susceptible to upper respiratory infection; cats will not be given "playtime" in the cat room with other cats, but there is still a risk of transmission. At the discretion of the veterinarian, isolation and treatment for pets suspected of upper respiratory infections will be administered for the safety of all of our boarders.

**I.** Although your pet may appear healthy at drop off and we examine them upon admission, it is impossible to detect many problems until a pet starts to show clinical signs. Changes in your pet's lifestyle (such as boarding) can result in stress and weaken the immune system, resulting in these clinical signs.

**J.** We will use all reasonable precautions against injury, escape and harm to your pet. The clinic and staff will not be held liable for any problems provided reasonable care and precautions are followed.

**K.** Kennel sanitation is the highest priority, but some pets still soil their cages and step or lay in the soiled area. This can take only moments and can cause a kennel odor; we strongly recommend a bath while boarding.

**L.** We allow pets from the same family to be boarded together at the owner's request, but cannot be held responsible if any injury due to playing or squabbling that may occur in a restricted environment.

**M.** Owner is responsible for fees, veterinary services and any other expenses incurred while boarded. Boarding fees are \$\_\_\_\_\_ per night per pet; medications given while boarding are \$3.00 daily per pet.

**I have read the boarding requirements and understand the hospital's policies.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL CONSENT AND EMERGENCY CARE POLICY FOR BOARDERS:**

We are a full service veterinary hospital that also provides boarding facilities. As such, we provide the same high standards of medical care for our boarding pets that we do for our hospital patients. In our experience, a few animals are not good candidates for boarding and may become ill, or their chronic conditions may worsen during their stay. Please be advised that any observed, untreated, or worsening pre-existing chronic health conditions that are causing your pet pain and discomfort during his/her boarding stay will be treated by our doctors at our standard rate.

Any health condition observed with your pet deemed a non-emergency will be noted and we will attempt to contact you regarding treatment options. If we cannot reach you, you will be advised upon your return of any additional medical, dental, or surgical procedures recommended.

The well being of your pet is our top priority. Some pets do occasionally experience stress-related symptoms during their stay. These symptoms can range from gastrointestinal disturbances – usually diarrhea – to anxiety and/or excitement. Understandably, this makes their stay here much less enjoyable. These symptoms are easily treated and can be effectively resolved with medications kept here on hand. Please rest assured that any and all medication decisions are made at the discretion and under the supervision of the veterinarian.

In the rare event that a **life-threatening emergency** arises with your pet and we are unable to reach you, we will proceed with every necessary life saving measure including surgery, while we continue to attempt to contact you. Every attempt will be made to contact you or your emergency contact provided. Payment for all services rendered will be due upon your return.

Please indicate by signing below how you want us to manage the care of your pet in a **life-threatening emergency**.

**Please treat my pet for any life-threatening medical emergency or stress related symptoms. I understand that River Road Animal Hospital will make every reasonable attempt to contact me at the emergency numbers that I have provided, but will proceed with treatment to save my pet's life if unable to reach me. I agree to pay all charges associated with medical services rendered to my pet.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is anyone else authorized to pick up or authorize treatment for your pet?**

**Y**    **N**    **Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for allowing us to care for your pet!*