



ONTARIO SPCA
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Intake Protocol

Intake Exam:

Every animal on admission must have an Intake Examination (performed to the best of your ability keeping personal safety in mind at all times) as per the Intake Exam Form.

Proper PPE – Disposable gloves, disposable gown and impermeable shoe covers – must be worn while performing all Intake exams.

- For instructions on the use of the Woods Lamp, see the **Woods Lamp Protocol** sheet
- Each animal must be scanned for a microchip a minimum of three times. The first scan is done as part of the Intake Exam on each and every animal

Vaccinations:

- Vaccination must be completed immediately upon intake including any pregnant, nursing and sick animals (with the exception of severely ill or debilitated animals)
- For vaccine preparation, follow the product monograph
- Vaccines should be warmed by rubbing gently in hands
- Sterile diluent may be stored at room temperature

The Ontario SPCA recommends and uses modified live vaccines in all situations.

The core vaccines include:

- **DOGS** - DA2PP (distemper, adenovirus (hepatitis), parainfluenza, parvovirus). Vaccine injection sites are located subcutaneously off the mid-line either in front of the hip area or over the scruff of the neck
 - Rabies is given on the right
 - DA2PP combination on the left

Bordetella – given intra-nasally (**dogs only**) and administered only **once** during its stay in the animal centre. May be given as young 4 weeks.
- **CATS** - FVRCP (herpes virus, calici virus and parainfluenza). Vaccine injection sites are located subcutaneously as far down the appropriate limb as possible.
 - Rabies vaccine is administered in the right hind leg
 - The FVRCP is administered in the right front leg. (FIV/FelV if administered, is given in the left hind leg)
- Re-vaccinate mature animals once in 2 weeks if animal is still in the animal centre (kennel cough (Bordetella) vaccines only given once)
- For pups and kittens - begin at 4 - 6 weeks of age and revaccinate every 14 days until 18 weeks old

- If an animal (over the age of 18 weeks) has written proof of vaccinations given within the last year, it does not need to be re-vaccinated.

Parasite Control:

Panacur[®]:

- Using dosing chart for liquid or powder, give one dose once a day for 3 consecutive days
- Repeat in 14 days for 3 consecutive days starting 14 days after the **first dose** was given
- Can be given as early as 2 – 3 weeks of age
- May be given directly or mixed thoroughly with food

Marquis Paste[®]:

- The first dose is given prophylactically at Intake
- Second dose is given prophylactically in 2 weeks time
- For details and dosing, see Marquis Paste[®] Sheet
- Can be given as early as 2 – 3 weeks of age

Revolution[®]:

- Revolution[®] is applied once at Intake for flea and tick management in cats.
- Revolution[®] may be repeated every 21 - 28 days as needed.
- May be used on pregnant and nursing animals
- See Revolution[®] (selamectin) dosing instruction sheet.
- Revolution[®] should be stored in a locked cabinet.

Nexgard[®]:

- Nexgard[®] is given by mouth once at Intake for flea and tick management **in dogs only**
- Nexgard[®] may be repeated every 30 days as needed
- Give Nexgard[®] chewable tablet according to weight categories on package
- Do NOT use on pregnant and nursing dogs

Please contact the Department of Shelter Health and Wellness with any questions or concerns about implementing and/or maintaining this program.

Thanks.