

Lodging Policy for Insulin Dependent Diabetic Pets

At **Valley Animal Hospital of Merced** we take the care of all our lodging pets very seriously; however **diabetic pets require more careful monitoring and a few extra precautions** than typical lodging pets.

When a diabetic pet is lodging, their response to insulin may be significantly different from that at home. The insulin needs of diabetic pets can change based on several factors including stress, daily exercise and the amount of food eaten at each meal. All of these factors can fluctuate while your pet is lodging.

While lodging with **Valley Animal Hospital**, your pet will receive *at least twice daily blood glucose monitoring*. This allows us to provide the best medical care and safest lodging environment for your diabetic pet.

In addition to lodging fees, a daily **Diabetic Pet Care fee of \$51.00** will be charged. This fee will cover blood glucose monitoring and administration of your pet's insulin.

Yes, it is very expensive to lodge a pet with diabetes. It is not our intent to discourage you from having your pet stay with us. Simply stated, Diabetes is a serious and potentially life-threatening disease and lodging can present enough changes in routine that your well-regulated diabetic pet may suddenly have a very different insulin 'need.'

If it becomes evident that your pet requires more intensive monitoring, we will make every effort to contact you. If we are unable to contact you, your pet WILL BE TREATED at your expense.

I understand the above and accept financial responsibility for any monitoring the veterinarian(s) of **Valley Animal Hospital** recommends to ensure my pet's well-being while boarding.

Signature of Pet Owner Date

Phone Number(s)

Your Pet's Insulin Information:

What type of insulin does your pet receive? _____

What dose is your pet currently receiving? _____

What time did your pet last eat? _____

What time did your pet last receive insulin? _____