



Valley Animal Hospital  
Of Merced

## Pet Lodging Contract

### Valley Animal Hospital of Merced

This is a contract between Valley Animal Hospital of Merced (hereinafter "VAH") and the Pet Owner whose signature appears below (hereinafter "Owner") providing for the boarding care of a certain pet or pets (hereinafter collectively "Pet") described in the check-in documents (hereinafter together with this document, the "Contract"). Owner agrees as follows:

1. By signing this Contract and leaving Pet with VAH, Owner certifies the accuracy of all information given to VAH concerning Pet.
2. VAH shall exercise reasonable care for the Pet delivered by Owner to VAH.
3. Owner agrees to be solely responsible for any and all acts or behavior of the Pet while in the care of VAH and to indemnify and hold VAH harmless from any and all such acts.
4. Owner is the sole owner of the pet, and that the Pet is free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.
5. Pet has not been exposed to Rabies, Distemper, Parvo, Bordetella (kennel cough) or Canine Influenza within the last 30 days prior to boarding.

**Proof of Vaccinations:** Proof of current vaccinations is required (For Dogs: Rabies, Distemper/Parvo, Canine Influenza & Bordetella—For Cats: Feline Distemper, Rabies) for all boarders. We do not accept "home vaccinations" or collar tags as proof of vaccinations. Vaccines must have been administered by a licensed veterinarian and we require supporting documentation. For dogs, a vaccination for Bordetella (kennel cough) is required every year for boarding. The Bordetella vaccination costs \$19.00 while boarding and does not require a physical exam; all other vaccinations will need a complete physical examination.

**Authorization for Vaccination:** If vaccinations cannot be confirmed at the time of check in, we will administer the needed vaccines. An exam fee of (\$50.00) will be charged along with the costs (\$19 each) of a Distemper/Parvo, Rabies, Canine Influenza (\$36) or Feline Distemper (\$19) (cats only) vaccines administered.

I give permission to vaccinate my pet if he/she is overdue for Distemper/Parvo, Rabies, Bordetella, Canine Influenza or Feline Distemper (cats only.)

**Parasites:** Your pet must be free from internal & external parasites, including fleas and ticks. In order to maintain a "flea free" environment, your pet will be checked for fleas upon admission. If fleas are present, your pet will be treated with flea medication (at the Doctor's discretion) at your expense. Medications for flea control, deworming, etc. will be provided by

VAH, and paid for by the owner. We do NOT accept all over-the-counter products, so please check with us before bringing in your own products. An application fee is waived when applying VAH products. There is an application fee of \$4 for any application of owner-supplied, acceptable product.

**Medications:** All medications must be presented in their original bottle with a legal label identifying the medication, strength, and frequency of administration, and must be scripted for that actual pet. Medications in plastic bags or other containers will NOT be accepted. "Medication" includes, but is not limited to, all prescription medications, over-the-counter remedies, and vitamin mixes. Fee for administering simple medication is \$10 per night. "Simple medication" includes up to two (2) oral medications. Any medications in addition to this will be considered "multiple". Multiple medications, daily ear cleaning, wound care, or other medical care will incur additional fees.

**Feeding:** Your pet will be fed Hill's Science Diet Maintenance Dry formula or food from home. We always feed pets twice a day and are happy to feed prepackaged dry or canned cat and dog food, or homemade meals. If you would like your pet to be fed canned food or a different variety of Science Diet, the price of the requested diet will be added to your boarding bill.

Treats from home that can be added to the food at mealtime are fine, and there is no additional fee. Complicated diet requests may incur additional fees.

**Water:** We provide all of the tap water that pets want to drink! If you would like bottled water, then you will need to supply it.

If we run out of the bottled water that you supplied, please let us know if you'd like us to use tap water or to purchase bottled water and add it to your bill.

**Luggage:** Bedding is provided for your pet's comfort. If you choose to bring possessions from home they must be small enough to fit in a standard pillowcase. We may choose to use our bedding instead of yours—because we may not have the ability or capacity to launder some items. All toys & chew items must be easily cleanable. We cannot accept unsafe or perishable items. We do our best to safeguard your pet's possessions; however we cannot be held responsible for lost or destroyed items.

**Medical Care:** If Pet becomes ill or if the state of Pet's health is considered by the veterinarian on site to be of an emergency nature, the veterinarian's services will be engaged. All expenses so incurred shall be the responsibility of the owner and shall be paid by the Owner upon release of Pet. If Pet's health is considered by the veterinarian on site not to be of an emergency nature we will call and notify you, however if we cannot reach you at the phone number provided, we will continue with treatment.

**Fees:** To pay the rate for boarding and any additional charges for special services requested and all veterinary cost for Pet during the time Pet is in the care of VAH when Pet is picked up. VAH shall have, and is hereby specifically granted, a lien on Pet for any and all unpaid charges resulting from boarding Pet at VAH. Owner hereby agrees that in the event boarding charges are not paid when due as specified herein, VAH may exercise its lien rights upon five (5) days written notice to owner via certified mail to the address set forth in the boarding contract, VAH may sell Pet for any and all unpaid charges at a public or a private sale, at the sole discretion of VAH. Owner specifically waives all statutory or other legal rights to the contrary. If such sale shall not secure sufficient funds to fully pay all delinquent charges, plus all cost of sale, Owner shall be liable for the difference.

**California Abandoned Animal Act:** In accordance with the provisions of California Abandoned Animal Act (C.C. 1834.5) (set out on the back hereof), if Owner does not pick up Pet within 14 Calendar days after the day Pet was due to be picked up, the Pet shall be deemed to be abandoned. VAH shall first try for a period of not less than 10 days to find a new owner for the animal, and, if unable to place the animal with a new owner, may at its sole option, thereafter humanely destroy the animal so abandoned. Owner will be responsible for all charges up to and including euthanasia or adoption.

Any controversy or claim arising out of, or related to, this contract, or any breach thereof, or as the result of any claim or controversy involving the alleged negligence of any party to this contract, which claim shall exceed the jurisdiction of the small claims court, shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association, and judgment upon the award rendered by an arbitrator may be entered by any court having jurisdiction

thereof. The arbitrator shall, as part of his award, determine an award to the prevailing party of the costs of such arbitration and reasonable attorney's fees of the prevailing party. Jurisdiction shall be in the County of Merced.

**Authorization For Treatment:** If your pet becomes ill during his/her stay with us, a veterinarian will examine your dog or cat. We will make every attempt to contact you at the numbers you provide should your pet become ill while with us. Medical treatment will be provided at the discretion of the veterinarian on duty. All costs associated with any medical care given while boarding will be at the owners' expense and due upon your pet's release.

**Abandoned Animals Protocol:** All pets must be picked up within 5 days of specified check out date. All efforts to contact owner or agent will be made in a timely manner. See the Pet Lodging Contract for more information regarding the Abandoned Animal Act.

**Social Media** I grant VAH permission to post my pet's picture or story on social media.

(circle one) Yes No

This Contract contains the entire agreement between the parties. All terms and conditions of this contract shall be binding on the heirs, administrators, personal representatives and assigns of Owner and VAH.

**I have read, understand and agree to requirements in Valley Animals Hospital's Lodging Contract.**

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Pet Owner (signature)                                      Pet Owner (printed)                                      Date