

Pre-Visit Checklist

Notes to prepare before your appointment or house call

Jotting down answers to these questions before your appointment or house call helps make the most of your visit time and gives your veterinary team the fullest picture of what's going on.

- What is the problem?
- When was your pet last normal?
- Has it been getting better, worse, or staying the same?
- Has your pet been out of the area? Where?
- Any coughing? If yes, does anything come up?
- Any sneezing, runny nose, or watery eyes?
- Any vomiting? If yes, did you see it yourself — was the stomach actively heaving in and out? What came up?
- Any loose stool or diarrhea? Blood? Slime or mucus? What color, what consistency, how often?
- Any poop or pee accidents in the house?
- Limping?
- New lumps or bumps?
- Any change in eating or drinking?
- What do you feed your pet? (Food and "other"!)
- How is your pet's energy level?
- Are any other pets or people in the house sick?
- Have you noticed any new behaviors or aggression?
- Has your pet's personality changed?
- Is your pet itchy?
- Do you ever see fleas or ticks? Do you know what they look like?
- Is your cat or dog on monthly heartworm prevention?
- If your pet is on medications, when was the last dose? Does your pet take the medications regularly?
- Would you like tips or help giving medication?

- Do you have contact with the breeder or littermates of your pet, in case a familial connection needs to be checked?
- How do you feel about your pet's illness? Do you feel it is serious, hopeless, severe, or that your pet is too old?