

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

Weight:

- Adult animals (and younger adults, 6 months and older) should be weighed at least **once a week**
- Animals 4 - 6 months of age should be weighed **twice a week**
- Animals under 4 months of age should be weighed **daily** (preferably at the same time each day)
- Scales should be cleaned and disinfected before and after weighing, following proper cleaning and disinfection protocols
- Weights should be standardized to **kg** and not changed between kg and lbs

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) and rabies. Vaccine injection sites are located subcutaneously off the mid-line either in front of the hip area or over the scruff of the neck:

- DA2PP combination on the **left**
- Rabies is given on the **right**

Rabies – all animals 12 weeks and older are vaccinated prior to adoption, by a veterinarian registered under the *Veterinarians Act* or their designated auxiliary (only RVT's that are part of the Ontario SPCA RVT Program)

Bordetella – given intra-nasally (**dogs only**) and administered only **once** during its stay in the animal centre. May be given as young 4 weeks old

CATS - FVRCP (herpes virus, calici virus and parainfluenza) and rabies. Vaccine injection sites are located subcutaneously as far down the appropriate limb as possible:

- The FVRCP is administered in the **right front** leg. (FIV/FelV if administered, is given in the left hind leg)
- Rabies vaccine is administered in the **right hind** leg

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- Re-vaccinate mature animals once in 2 weeks if animal is still in the animal centre (kennel cough (Bordetella) vaccines are only given once)
- For pups and kittens - begin at 4 - 6 weeks of age and revaccinate every 14 days until 18 weeks old
- All **foster kittens/puppies** are still to be vaccinated every 14 days until 18 weeks of age
- **Foster adults** would still need a single revaccination at 14 days

Parasite Control:

Strongid®T :

- A single dose is given prophylactically at Intake for management of Roundworms and Hookworms in **both dogs and cats**
- For mature animals – repeat in 14 days if still in the animal centre
- For pups and kittens – can be given as early as 2 – 3 weeks old and given a dose **every 14 days** until 18 weeks old while in the animal centre or in foster
- For pregnant and nursing mothers – can be given a dose at intake and **every 14 days** while in the animal centre or in foster
- May be given directly by mouth or mixed thoroughly with a small amount of wet food. **Must be given after a meal or directly with food – not on an empty stomach**

Marquis Paste®:

- The first dose is given prophylactically at Intake for management of Coccidia in **both dogs and cats**
- A second dose is given prophylactically in 2 weeks time if still in the animal centre
- For nursing dogs and cats – safe to use
- For pregnant dogs – safe to use
- **For pregnant cats – do not use**
- 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 in **cats only**. It is effective against fleas and Heartworm. It also treats and controls ear mite infestations, as well as hookworm and roundworm infections
- Revolution® may be repeated every 21 - 28 days as needed

- May be used on pregnant and nursing animals
- Can be given as early as 6 weeks of age
- 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
- Can be given as early as 8 weeks of age
- 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.