

Your New Pet's Health

QUICK TIPS



Congratulations on the adoption of your new pet! CSHS is passionate about the health of our pets. That is why we strive to adopt healthy pets by giving them a strong start and a new lease on life! Your new pet has had a full exam with our veterinarian, where basic vaccinations, deworming, and flea treatment was administered.

Help your pet continue to enjoy great health! It's important that you do the following as soon as possible:

- **Schedule an appointment with your veterinarian.** SICSA recommends you ask your veterinarian about the following for your pet:
 - **Flea protection** – Did you know that fleas can get on any animal who goes outside? Or that they can even come into your home on your shoes or clothes to indoor-only animals? Fleas have 4 stages in their life cycles: egg, larva, pupae, and adult. You **MUST** use 3 consecutive months of treatment to effectively eliminate fleas in all life stages. Fleas transmit other parasites to your pet, including tapeworms. They can also cause painful skin irritation and anemia from the loss of blood.
 - **Heartworm protection** – Heartworms are carried by mosquitos and are easily avoidable with a monthly preventative from your vet.
 - **Yearly vaccinations and wellness checkups**– Keeping your pet up-to-date on vaccinations is the easiest way to protect them from common illnesses. Some vaccinations are considered core (recommended for all animals), and other vaccinations are considered non-core and should be given when an animal's particular lifestyle puts them at increased risk. You should work with your veterinarian to develop an appropriate vaccination protocol depending on your pet's lifestyle.

We urge you to take your pet to the veterinarian when they are displaying signs of illness and discomfort. When symptoms are dealt with early, they can often prevent more serious problems.

Most of all, CSHS wants you to enjoy many wonderful years to come with your new pet!

Thank you for adopting from CSHS!