



Slippery Rock Veterinary Hospital

“Patient Care through Exceptional Client Service”

Help your Pet to a Positive Veterinary Experience

Adjusting to Car Rides

When traveling with your pet in the car, put your pet in a carrier or other protected container. This is safer for both of you, rather than allowing your pet to roam freely. To make your pet comfortable when riding in the car, take your pet to places other than the veterinarian's office. Start with short rides at first, and then gradually extend the length of the drive. Because pets travel best on an empty stomach, do not feed your pet for several hours before traveling. After each successful car trip, reward your pet with positive attention and treats.

Pleasant Veterinary Visits

To make your pet feel at home in the veterinarian's office, bring the pet's favorite treats and toys with you. When at home, practice regular care routines like grooming, nail trimming and teeth brushing. Pretend to do routine veterinary procedures with your pet. You can do this by touching your pet's face, ears, feet and tail. This should help your pet adjust to the veterinary hospital and any needed home care. Make trips to the veterinary hospital for visits involving no examinations or procedures, such as checking your pet's weight. It gives the staff a chance to interact with your pet in a gentle calming way.

Things to Bring

A Urine Sample

Several possible conditions can be detected from urine and we can't stress enough how important it is that your pet's overall checkup include a urinalysis.

- Dogs: Catch a fresh urine sample by catching the urine in midstream from your dog into a cleaned (mild-detergent only) butter or similar container.
- Cats: You can also catch your cat's urine at home using our “Uro-Collection” beads.
- Once you collect your pet's urine sample keep it in the refrigerator until you can transport it to the veterinarian. Catch the sample the same day as your appointment and as close to your appointment time as possible to insure a good sample.
- If you can't catch the urine yourself - it is helpful to prevent your pet from urinating for several hours before the appointment so we can collect a fresh sample when you arrive.

A Stool Sample

The sample should be the size of a quarter and less than 24 hours old; a small baggie or small plastic container will work well for transport. Your pet will have a more pleasant visit if the sample doesn't need to be collected by the nurse. Your pet will thank you.

A Hungry Pet

Prior to your appointment, please do not feed your pet for 6-8 hours. Pets travel best on an empty stomach and the doctor may need to order a test or procedure for your pet.

Your Questions !!!