

THE BVH PAW PRESS



Vaccination Awareness Month



PAWS FOR THOUGHT

If your pet's vaccines are coming due, the answer is simple—yes, they need them! Vaccines protect against serious, sometimes fatal diseases, some of which can also spread to people. Keeping your pet up to date protects both them and your family. Schedule a wellness exam with BVH to keep your pet healthy and safe.

RABIES

In Pennsylvania, rabies vaccination is required for all dogs and cats. Rabies is a deadly viral infection of the brain and spinal cord that spreads easily between animals and people.

Signs of rabies in animals:

- Aggression or loss of fear
- Unusual daytime activity in nocturnal species
- Excessive vocalization
- Dilated pupils
- Loss of appetite
- Difficulty swallowing
- Restlessness
- Excessive drooling



Rabies is spread through bites, scratches, or contact of infected saliva with an open wound. Bats are a leading cause of human rabies cases in the U.S., as they can bite without being noticed. The CDC recommends testing any bat found indoors where people may have been exposed.

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pda/animals/diseases/rabies>

WELLNESS PLANS

We know pet care costs can add up—especially with multiple pets. That's why BVH partners with Premier Pet Care Plan to spread the cost of wellness visits over 12 months. Each plan includes:

- All core vaccines (1 of each annually)
- Annual fecal testing
- Annual heartworm/lyme testing
- 12 months of flea, tick, and heartworm prevention
- Plus: 10% off other products and services (excludes grooming & prescription food)

Ask our team for details on enrolling your pet!



CANINE CORE VACCINES



BVH requires core vaccines for any hospitalization (unless medically exempt) to protect your pet, other animals, and our team. Most kennels and groomers have similar requirements.

BVH core vaccines for dogs:

- Rabies – Required by PA law; fatal and contagious
- DAPvP (Distemper, Adenovirus, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza) – Highly contagious and potentially deadly
- Bordetella – Protects against a contagious infection common in places like kennels and groomers

FELINE CORE VACCINES

BVH requires core vaccines for any hospitalization (unless medically exempt) to keep all patients, staff, and pet owners safe.

BVH core vaccines for cats:

- Rabies – Required by PA law; fatal and contagious
- RCP (Rhinitis, Calicivirus, Panleukopenia) – All highly contagious and potentially fatal

<https://www.royalcanin.com/ie/cats/kitten/cat-vaccination-schedule>





NEW AAHA REQUIREMENT

AAHA now recommends Leptospirosis as a core vaccine for dogs. This disease spreads through wildlife urine and standing water, and it can also infect humans. BVH will begin including Leptospirosis as a core vaccine beginning in January 2026.

<https://www.aaha.org/newstat/publications/leptospirosis-vaccination-recommended-to-be-core-for-most-dogs/>



<https://www.facebook.com/DoggiePlayroom/>

LIFESTYLE VACCINES

Some vaccines are recommended based on your pet’s activities and environment.

For dogs:

- Lyme & Leptospirosis – Recommended for pets in rural areas or those who hunt, hike, or camp
- Bordetella – Required for hospitalization at BVH; recommended for those visiting groomers, kennels, daycares, dog parks, or other social settings

For cats:

- Feline Leukemia – Recommended for outdoor cats or those living with cats who go outside (FIV/FelV testing is advised before starting this vaccine)



FACT FETCHERS

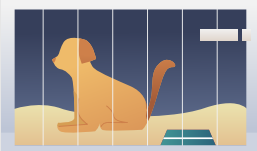
Did you know?

Opossums are very unlikely to contract rabies due to their lower body temperature.

COMMON MYTHS

Common pet owner comments about vaccines:

- “My indoor cat doesn’t need the rabies vaccine.”
 - Bats and other animals can enter your home and expose your pet. Plus, pets can accidentally escape.
- “My dog can get their Rabies/DAPP/Bordetella vaccine just before a kennel/groomer/daycare visit.”
 - Vaccines take 2 weeks to become fully effective.



REWARDS!

Zoetis recently launched “The Pack” app to make earning rewards easier! It’s available on the App Store.

Buy any of these products to qualify for rewards:

- Simparica Trio
- Revolution Plus
- Apoquel
- Rimadyl
- Cytopoint
- Librela
- Solensia
- Cerenia
- Convenia



DOWNLOAD THE APP

Simply upload your invoice in the app to get started!

TAILS OF OUR TEAM

Press Enterprise – Best of the Best Contest

Thank you to all of our amazing clients for voting Bloomsburg Veterinary Hospital #1 in Pet Services – Veterinary Clinic/Hospital in the Press Enterprise’s Best of the Best Competition!

New Hires

Welcome our two new CSRs, Emily (Em), who has prior veterinary experience, and Rebecca (Becky), who is pursuing a veterinary career. We’re excited to have them on the BVH team!

EMPLOYEE PET SPOTLIGHT

Lindsey’s dog, Cash, is a 2-year-old male Border Collie. Cash is a Keystone Dock Dog who competes in dock diving. His personal best is 22’4” and has a Master title. Cash enjoys playing ball, swimming, going to the Doggie Playroom in Bloom, and going camping.



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