

SAYV MEDICAL COVERAGE

ALL ANIMALS

- Microchip
- Spay/neuter (after 8 weeks of age, **no exceptions**)
- Preliminary dewormer (please contact us if you don't receive it)
- Preliminary flea and tick (please contact us if you don't receive it)

All appointments are made by SAYv until adoption is finalized, **no exceptions**. **Fosters, foster-to-adopters, and adopters are NOT permitted to call or contact any SAYv veterinary partners for any reason** (unless explicitly instructed for heartworm treatment).

Medical care bullet points in **blue** below are sometimes waived in order to process adoptions faster.

For adopters, additional medical issues are generally not covered. Until adoption is finalized, SAYv must be consulted on any medical decisions, **no exceptions**.

PUPPIES

VACCINES

- Round 1 - Distemper combo, aka DHPP or DAPP [usually start at 6ish weeks or later]
- Round 2 - Distemper combo plus leptospirosis ("lepto"), aka DHPPL or DAPPL [2-4 weeks after round 1]
 - Or DHPP or DAPP and a separate lepto shot
 - Lepto only after 13 weeks
- Round 3 - DHPPL or DAPPL, Bordetella [2-4 weeks after round 2]
 - Or DHPP or DAPP and a separate lepto shot
 - **Lepto vaccine - after 13 weeks**
- **Rabies vaccine - after 16 weeks of age**

*adopters' vet may recommend more DHPP/DAPP rounds depending on when they start vaccines and end the third round.

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ADULT DOGS

VACCINES

- Round 1 - Distemper combo plus leptospirosis ("lepto"), aka DHPPL or DAPPL
 - Or DHPP or DAPP and a separate lepto shot
- Round 2 - DHPPL or DAPPL, Bordetella [2-4 weeks after round 2]
 - Or DHPP or DAPP and a separate lepto shot
- Rabies vaccine - no specific timeline

OTHER MEDICAL

- Heartworm test

KITTENS

VACCINES

- Round 1 - FVRCP [usually start at 6ish weeks or later]
- Round 2 - FVRCP [2-4 weeks after round 1]
- Round 3 - FVRCP [2-4 weeks after round 2]
- Rabies - after 16 weeks of age

OTHER MEDICAL

- FIV/FeLV snap test

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ADULT CATS

VACCINES

- Round 1 - FVRCP
- Round 2 - FVRCP [2-4 weeks after round 1]
- Rabies vaccine - no specific timeline

OTHER MEDICAL

- FIV/FeLV snap test

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MISCELLANEOUS

- SAYv does not cover medical issues or costs caused by fosters, foster to adopters, or adopters. These issues are not within our control or capacity to prevent, and unfortunately cannot afford. Some examples include:
 - A foster left out a pill bottle of medicine in an area where a foster dog could access it and their foster dog ate the pills in the bottle.
 - A foster dog gets into the garbage and eats something that requires an emergency vet visit.
- SAYv does not cover dental cleanings; these costs are passed onto adopters. If foster-to-adopters want dental cleanings performed prior to adoption, we would be happy to schedule through one of our vet partners (discounted rate) and foster-to-adopters can donate the amount equal to the procedure costs.
 - There are sometimes exceptions for animals that we knew needed dental care before intake or emergency dental needs
- SAYv generally does not cover miscellaneous medical issues while an animal is in a foster-to-adopt home (where adoption is not yet finalized)
 - We are a nonprofit organization, and the adoption fees that we charge rarely cover the minimum we spend per animal. If you are adopting an animal, you should be expecting medical costs, it's part of having an animal companion. The only reason adoption is delayed is due to basic vetting that has yet to be completed, payment, or other concerns that have been communicated.
 - Examples: Anal prolapse, removal of dewclaws, etc.
- Animals that are heartworm positive will be treated for heartworm disease by SAYv until they are heartworm negative. These animals can be moved into foster-to-adopt homes until treatment is complete (we don't prevent them from moving to adoptive homes solely because of heartworm treatment). Once in a foster-to-adopt home, aside from the medical procedures covered in this document and heartworm treatment, medical costs are the responsibility of the adopter.
 - Adoption is often finalized before the final heartworm test is completed (~8 months after treatment completion) - see the heartworm disease details on [this page](#).