

## NVVMA Member Hospitals

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Veterinary Medical Association  
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The NVVMA began in 1975 as a non-  
profit organization to:

*-Promote within the veterinary profes-  
sion the highest degree of skill, integri-  
ty and service to the public.*

*-Enlighten the public concerning veteri-  
nary medicine and to disseminate in-  
formation for the benefit of the public  
regarding appropriate care and treat-  
ment of animals.*

*-Improve and elevate the standards of  
veterinary medicine within the Com-  
monwealth of Virginia*

*-Foster the cultivation of professional  
fellowship among veterinarians in the  
Commonwealth of Virginia.*

Please take advantage of a local veteri-  
narian- they are an invaluable resource  
as you develop your relationship with  
your new pet.  
And they are al-  
ways there for  
you if you have  
any questions or  
problems.



Adams Mill Veterinary Hospital	Leesburg Veterinary Hospital
Animal Care Ctr. Of Warrenton	Leesburg Vet Internal Med.
Animal Clinic of Clifton	Little River Vet Clinic
Animal Dental Clinic	MacLean Animal Hospital
Animal Dental Services of VA	Merrifield Animal Hospital
Animal Scan, LLC	Mobile Imaging Vet Ultrasound
Ashburn Vet Hospital	Montrose Animal Health Ctr
Atlas District Vet Hospital	Old Dominion Animal Health Ctr.
Ballston Animal Hospital	Paws For Holistic Pet Care
Banfield Pet Hospital	Paws, Purrs & Exotics A. H.
Behavior Solutions for Pets	Pender Vet. Centre
Belle Haven Animal Medical Ctr	Pet Call Home
Burke Animal Clinic	Pet Dominion Animal Hospital
Burke Veterinary Clinic	Potomac Valley Veterinary Hosp
Bush Advanced Vet. Imaging	Quince Orchard Vet. Hospital
Bush Veterinary Neurology Svc.	RadioCat
Caring Hands Animal Hosp	Regional Vet Referral Ctr.
Centreville Animal Hosp	Reston Animal Hospital
Centreville Square Animal Hosp	Ridge Lake Animal Hospital
Centreville Veterinary Associates	Springfield Animal Hospital
Chantilly Animal Hospital	Springfield Emergency Vet. Hosp.
Cherrydale Veterinary Clinic	Stahl Exotic Vet Services
Chesapeake Vet Cardio Assoc	The Hope Center
Colonial Animal Hospital	The LifeCentre
Columbia Pike Animal Hospital	Town & Country Animal Hospital
Companion Animal Clinic	Valley Vet Emergency Ref. Ctr.
Crosspointe Animal Hospital	VCA Alexandria
Eye Care for Animals	VCA Annnandale
Fairfax Animal Hospital	VCA Beacon Hill Cat Hosp
Falls Church Animal Hospital	VCA Herndon-Reston
GentleVet Housecalls	VCA Old Town
Great Falls Animal Hospital	VCA South Paws
Hayfield Animal Hospital	Vet House Call Service
Heritage Animal Hospital	Vet Internal Medicine of NOVA
Herndon Animal Medical Center	Vet Surgical Practice of NOVA
Hometown Vet Clinic	Vet Vision
Lansdowne Animal Hospital	Veterinary Surgical Center
Lazar Veterinary Surgery	Village Veterinary Clinic



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# Take Your New Pet To The Vet!

An important message  
from your other family  
doctor inside...



## Your New Pet

Now that you have adopted your new pet, you need to introduce her/him into your household. You should take 3-7 days to give yourselves and your pet time to acclimate to your household if all is well and the pet is healthy.

## Kittens and Puppies

If you have adopted a puppy or kitten, the shelter has updated whatever exams, vaccines and deworming are due at the time, but keep in mind that your pet may need a booster vaccine, a second deworming (one deworming does not eradicate intestinal parasites), or a follow up for a medical problem. Our local shelters



are wonderful at doing all they can but their ultimate goal is to adopt these animals as soon as

possible, so often they have only received an initial series of vaccines and dewormings.

## Adults

If you have adopted an adult pet, the shelter will give whatever



core vaccines are required, but often boosters are needed within 3-4 weeks to make the vaccine 100% effective. Also, there are vaccines not given at the shelter that might be recommended for your area (eg. Lyme vaccine).

## Veterinary Care

Because each pet is at a different stage of maturity when adopted, even if healthy, your pet should be evaluated by a veterinarian within a week of the adoption (sooner if any health problems).



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If you already have a veterinarian, you should call them and let them know you have adopted a new pet. They will be able to recommend when the new pet should be seen.

If you do not already have a veterinarian, we can recommend local veterinarians that have a relationship with the shelter.

At this first visit you can get your microchip verified and registered, with your veterinarian being the second point of contact in case

of an emergency or lost pet assistance. Many practices now have photo ID's in the patient record. The veterinarian will not



only be able to discuss vaccines that are recommended for your area, but will be able to answer questions about behavior, training, diet, housebreaking, flea and tick control, heartworm preventative, and other preventative medical recommendations to keep your new pet healthy and happy.