

## **NCVMA RECOMMENDED**

### **CANINE AND FELINE VACCINATION GUIDELINES**

Annual examinations and vaccination boosters for canines and felines are recommended by the NCVMA. It is recommended that the particular vaccination administered at the time of the annual exam be determined by the risk of exposure to disease and the vaccine product being given.

Adult vaccination boosters should be custom-tailored to each individual pet based on a risk-assessment evaluation provided by the owner to the veterinarian. It is recommended that this risk-assessment evaluation be reviewed and communicated with the owner annually by the veterinarian or professional staff.

Whenever possible, vaccinations should be administered in conjunction with a thorough physical examination. Ancillary laboratory tests should be recommended to owners of pets with a higher than normal risk or history of adverse reaction to vaccination.

Pre-medication with appropriate medications for anaphylaxis as well as post-vaccination hospitalization and observation should be provided to animals with a known history of Immediate Type I and Type IV (slow onset) anaphylactic reaction to any vaccine.

Current vaccination protocols endorsed by the American Association of Feline Practitioners ([www.aafponline.org](http://www.aafponline.org)) and the American Animal Hospital Association 2006 Canine Vaccination Guidelines ([www.aahanet.org](http://www.aahanet.org)) can be referenced for your consideration.