



# Paws Inn Print

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## Pets Are Inn® Guidelines and Policies

- Lodging and transportation rates are subject to change without notice.
- A deposit is required during peak season, for new clients and for existing clients with a new pet.
- Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis. It is to your advantage to book early.
- Pets (both cats and dogs) must be on a topical flea preventative to be administered prior to lodging. (Required during flea season; check the office when making your reservation.)
- Changes in reservations with less than three (3) business days notice will be assessed a \$10 administrative charge. This includes time restrictions. Changes and/or new reservations with less than 24-hour notice will be assessed a \$25 charge.
- Medication instructions must be in writing and meds are to be clearly identified. Instructions for the easiest method of administering are greatly appreciated.

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## Vaccinations: Not If, but When

The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) has revised its recommendations regarding annual vaccinations. These recommendations must be secondary to your dog's individual needs, health issues, travel plans, geographic considerations and living conditions.

Many veterinary schools are re-thinking the need for annual booster shots for distemper, parvovirus, adenovirus 1 & 2, parainfluenza virus and corona virus. While most dogs receive their boosters without a problem, some pets experience an allergic reaction to the boosters. Some research by these schools has shown the boosters may stimulate the immune system to trigger it to respond against the dog's own tissue. Some vets have gone as far as stating that over-vaccination can lead to ear infections, allergies, thyroid ailments and even cancer; vaccinations overstress the immune system that then manifest itself in some other ailment.

So what should you do? Discuss the following topics with your veterinarian to ensure that your dog gets the vaccinations he needs:

- Your dog's age, breed and health history, including any reactions to past shots.
- Lifestyle and activities: Do you go to a dog park, the beach, agility or canine classes, or hikes in the woods? Is he boarded frequently with Pets Are Inn or go to dog shows?
- Local geographic considerations: Does your dog live or romp in or near a wooded area? Is your city experiencing an epidemic that is affecting pets?
- Your dog's overall current health
- **Titer Test** – blood samples are sent to a lab for testing of the antibodies within the pet to certain diseases. **This may take 4 – 6 weeks.** We will honor the result of these tests. They will give you a report with the antibody levels and if they are an acceptable range.
- Your vet's vaccine philosophy.

If you would like more information on this topic you can go the AAHA's web site, [www.healthypet.com/library/prevent-22.html](http://www.healthypet.com/library/prevent-22.html), the June 2003 issue of *Dog Fancy* or [www.whole-dog-journal.com](http://www.whole-dog-journal.com) (December 2002).



## Max's Helpful Hint

I DO NOT LIKE WINTER ... acids wounds don't heal, Why? Because my coat gets dry and coarse. It could be a deficiency of fatty acids in my diet. Without essential fatty acids kidneys degenerate, the liver fails, glands dry up and who

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# Jeez, I Just Hate That!

There isn't much out there that bugs a dog. But there are times when things can get under the skin of even the "coolest" dogs. Here are some of their top pet peeves . . . from the mouths of dogs themselves.

- 1. Leaving the toilet bowl lid down.** Humans just don't understand that the water is cold, fresh and always tastes better there.
- 2. Not sharing in the fruits of your labor.** I don't mean "fruit" actually. I mean that beautiful, 1½-inch steak you cooked to such aromatic perfection. We're all part of the pack, right? Why am I not getting my share?
- 3. Not understanding my behavior.** Okay, so I like to greet strangers by leaping on them. I like to chase my tail by that lead crystal vase you call an heirloom. I'm not misbehaving; I'm a dog for crying out loud. It's all good and, like shadow chasing, helps build eye-to-paw coordination.
- 4. Bathing.** What is with the daily bath "thing" that humans do? And why do they inflict that obscenity upon me on occasion? Just when I think I am smelling fine, they bathe me. I really don't understand. I'm only going to go out and roll in "something" again. They just don't appreciate the effort it takes to get that perfect doggie odor.
- 5. Rushing me to potty.** Don't they know that there is a true art to finding the right spot? Just because they did not get up in time, they are running late, they want me to "hurry up and potty." Have a little respect. This is my chance to shine.
- 6. Being away.** I love attention and being around people, noise and

excitement. When you are away, at work, or running errands . . . this is time away from me. Don't you know? It is ALL about *me*. Your life should revolve around me AND I can make you regret leaving me behind...

- 7. Nail trims.** They are my nails—I spend lots of time growing them and here they come again touching my feet. I hate that!
- 8. Not letting me chase the squirrel.** They torment me by placing a "glass wall" between me and lots of critters outside. How annoying. All I want to do is "play" with them. The other thing they do is restrain me with this thing called the leash. I want to run forward and I am pulled back. If they can't keep up, they should just let me go. What's a dog to do?
- 9. Catnip.** Now this is one peeve that *really* annoys me. I see the cat roll and play and even cry out in joy in response to catnip. I smell it, eat it, lick it and . . . nothing happens. Nothing. I don't get it.
- 10. Not letting me at the mailman.** This is so unfair. I wait all day for the mailman and finally he comes. The anticipation is great. Then, they hold me back. Tell me to be quiet. Very annoying. They don't appreciate the fact that the mailman comes every day and I single-handedly scare him away. My bravery and courage are unappreciated.
- 11. When my owner is playing with the other dog or cat.** This really hurts my feelings, seeing MY owner play with someone else. It is all about *me* . . . they really don't understand.

**12. Won't let me at the litter box.** I think of it as an opportunity for a *tootsie roll* snack. My owners get all grossed out, run around and then actually deny me access to what I desire the most. I am actually helping to clean up. What's the problem?

**13. Expecting me to be at their beck and call.** For a treat—I have to do some little humiliating trick and pretend I like it. What about independence, freedom and respect?

**14. Sharing the bed.** I don't understand why I have to sleep on the floor. Why can't I have the bed and they sleep on the floor? I work hard all day and night. I protect my owners, guard the house and scare away invaders of my castle such as the mailman, cats, squirrels, and a multitude of other creatures. I should be pampered.

**15. Rolling up the windows.** I feel such joy from the little words, "*wanna go bye bye?*" This gives me thoughts of having the window down with cool wind blowing through my fur, looking just dynamite as other dogs stare from the curbs in envy and awe. And just when I am really getting into it—head out, ears flapping, they roll up the window. Then I am forced to stare at other dogs going by with their heads out the window. Mega bummer.

...and one more for good measure:

**16. Cats.** What really makes me angry is the agility and grace of cats. They have the gifted ability to jump up on things and escape under things with such ease. I really wish I could do that. When I try to do that, I inevitably break or knock something over.

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knows what else. You can supplement my diet with fatty acids such as many vegetable oils, including sunflower and safflower. However, the best source is fish oil, although flaxseed also contains it. Buy a bottle of fish oil tablets from the drug store and give them to me as a treat. (They are also good for you, so I will share!)



