



Great Lakes Veterinary Clinic

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Rabies Vaccine Policy

It is vitally important to the safety of our staff that all of our patients have immunity and protection against Rabies. Rabies has historically been a fatal disease to humans as well as other mammals.

It is the policy of Great Lakes Veterinary Clinic that **all** of our client's pets, including breeding animals, be currently vaccinated for Rabies unless there is a medical condition, determined by our doctors, which would make the vaccination contraindicated.

In the case when the veterinarian determines not to vaccinate, annual rabies titers will be required for that pet. Titers, however, **do not** comply with state law; therefore, we would not be able to provide a rabies documentation certificate. Legally, titered animals are treated and considered as unvaccinated should a bite incident occur.

The State of Wisconsin requires that all dogs receive a first Rabies vaccine (good for 1 year) followed by boosters every 3 years. In addition, many city ordinances require a current rabies vaccination for cats. Rabies vaccination certificates are often used for licensing purposes in these communities.

Your pet **will be** vaccinated at the time of any service if the rabies vaccination is not current or if proof of vaccination is not provided at the time of the appointment.