

Boarding Your Pet

Last Name _____ Pet(s) Name _____

The Pet Resort at Ashton Animal Clinic makes every attempt to keep your pet safe, comfortable, healthy and eating while they are in our care. Boarding is stressful to most pets and can be very traumatic to some pets. Ashton Animal Clinic wants you to understand the potential risks for boarding your pet in spite of veterinary supervision. We provide boarding as a special service for our clients/patients.

Common problems that can develop when pets are boarding include vomiting, diarrhea and/or stress colitis. These problems are beyond our control, but must be addressed and treated when they occur in our boarding facility.

Another problem beyond our control is the spread of viral respiratory infections when multiple animals are housed together. This is identical to school children frequently coming home with "colds" and other viral infections that are easily transmitted by aerosol to others, even when all vaccinations are current. These vaccines are for the more severe respiratory infections and there are no vaccines for the multitude of viruses that cause colds and other respiratory or gastrointestinal infections.

Another problem we intensely try to control is external parasites such as fleas and ticks. The Pet Resort has a stringent parasite program in place for its physical plant and for all boarded animals in an effort to control these problems.

On discharge your pet will naturally be anxious and very excited. This frequently causes your pet to have a preconceived hunger and thirst. We keep our facility at 72° for our patients' comfort. Most home temperatures range from 75° - 78°. Upon returning home, your pet will be attempting to adjust to the temperature change. This can cause an increased thirst. However, **do not** let your pet overeat or drink during its first few hours at home as this, combined with excitement, can cause vomiting. It is best to give very small amounts of food and water every 30 to 45 minutes until your

pets' hunger or thirst is met (ice cubes are recommended). If any problems arise after discharge, please call 941-927-2700.

Initials: _____ Pick Up Time: _____

Date: _____ Pick Up Date: _____