

Dog Scout Camp Health Form



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Please bring (or mail) this health verification to us. Everyone will feel a lot more at ease knowing that each of the campers has also had the same ongoing care or health check at the vet and is current on all shots. Have this done around 40 to 20 days before camp time. Current Rabies vaccines are a requirement. Dogs should also have a current DHL-P booster or titer check every 3 years. Corona, Parvovirus and Bordetella are recommended for puppies or dogs which will be around other dogs. Adult dogs sometimes have sufficient immunity, and many veterinarians now advise against "poking" the dog with a lot of needless vaccines. Recent evidence shows that it may break down the natural immune system. These latter shots for Corona, Parvo, and Kennel Cough, are **optional**, as is the Lyme disease shot. The vet in our area advises that Lyme is not a problem in our area, despite the wooded areas and presence of Whitetail Deer. Follow the advice of your veterinarian regarding your dog's shots. **Titer level checks will be accepted in lieu of shot records.**

Please provide some form of flea control for your dog. In choosing a flea control system, remember that the dogs may be getting in and out of the water frequently.

There are also mosquitoes in Michigan. Mosquitoes and other biting insects can spread diseases and parasites (like West Nile Virus). Please be prepared to use some type of bug repellent that is safe for dogs.

Please have your vet's office verify the following information. If your dog is current on all his shots, heartworm, and stool check, you can have anyone in the office verify the records and stamp the form with the vet's signature. There is no need for a separate appointment (save yourself an office call), nor is there a need for a special "health check" like the one you would get when shipping an animal overseas:

Health Check Verification for _____, **companion of** _____
dog's name owner's name

Dog has been tested negative for heartworm in the current year, and is on heartworm preventative _____; **Or**, Dog is on year-around heartworm medication _____. Date of last heartworm check: _____

If the dog has had the following vaccinations, please provide **date booster was given** or titer was last checked. (We will accept a distemper booster or titer check regimen of **every three years**, rather than every year, based on recent medical findings that indicate it is sometimes better for the dog's health NOT to over-vaccinate.)

Rabies _____ (date given) DHL-P _____ (date given) (* indicates shot is optional) *Coronavirus _____ (date given)

*Bordetella (kennel cough) _____ (date given) *Parvovirus _____ (date given) *Lyme Disease (optional) _____ (date given)

Dog's stool has been tested negative for internal parasites **within the last month** _____ (date tested)

Dog has not been near any dogs with contagious illnesses within the last two weeks _____

Dog is in general good health and is ready for a vacation which could include swimming, hiking, running and other rigorous activity _____

Veterinarian's Signature _____ **Date** _____