

Pet name: _____

Date: _____

VETERINARY INPATIENT CHECKLIST

This inpatient checklist is designed to maximize efficiency for vet technicians and receptionists when admitting a new patient whose condition requires admission to the practice for constant supervision and treatment.

Admission

Pet-Owner:

- Take pet-owners details on admission form
- Decide on the tests that will be involved (inform pet owner)
- Provide an estimate of costs to the pet owner
- Get pet owner consent and signature on admission checklist (date and time too)
- Provide patient visiting pass and times to the pet owner if required

Patient:

- Take patient's details on admission form
- If applicable take pet's details of insurance on admission form
- Take details of medications that the patient is already on or receiving
- Take a record of personal belonging admitted with pet
- Take a record of the pet's health condition when checking in (heart rate, temp, resp rate, etc.)

Treatment

Before:

- Assign an appropriate kennel or isolation room for the patient
- Assign vet in charge of their treatment
- Assign a nurse/technician in charge
- Provide medication administration kennel sheets
- Make sure the patient's owner is aware of the medication prescribed in their absence

During:

- Assess what immediate medication/pain relief the patient requires
- Define treatment plan (medication, doses and frequency of administration)
- Decide on the food diet for pet patient (prescription diet, life stage diet, water level)
- Record state of patients after vet rounds
- Set up equipment for surgery if required
- Score pain of patient