



Greater Chicago Cavalier Rescue

RECOMMENDED VETERINARY CARE

The Rescue Coordinator shall have primary responsibility for assuring that each rescue Cavalier is referred to a veterinarian for appropriate examination and treatment. In consultation with the veterinarian, the Coordinator may place rescue Cavaliers in quarantine for up to ten days before placement in a foster or adoptive home. As a minimum, the Coordinator will arrange the following:

1. Wellness examination. This should involve a physical exam, including, but not limited to, check teeth and gums, check eyes, check ears, check lymph nodes, listen to the heart, check hydration, palpate internal organs, check for range of motion in rear legs, check patellas (note that on puppy mill dogs this is especially important as this is a very common problem), check skin and hair coat condition, basic fecal float. This does not include a blood panel.
2. Update of Vaccinations if needed. These would include DHPP (note that Lepto and Corona are not recommended for Cavaliers), Rabies, and Bordatella.
3. Dental prophy (cleaning) may be done at the same time if needed.
4. Ear flush, if needed.
5. Course of antibiotics, if needed.
6. Wormer, if needed.
7. First dose of Advantage or Frontline, if needed. (Note, use of any other flea product such as Program or Sentinel, or use of Revolution is NOT approved.)
8. Initial dose of Rimadyl, if needed.
9. Blood test for heartworm and one month of preventative.
10. Micro chip, as required.
11. Professional grooming, if required

For dogs coming out of a puppy mill, add the following.

1. Boarding for a maximum of 10 days.
2. Two Brucellosis tests, one at the initial exam and the second at the conclusion of the boarding.
3. Treatment for coccidia. Note a fecal may not show evidence of coccidia, so treatment should be initiated immediately.

Veterinarians will be engaged who have demonstrated their experience in diagnosing:

- mitral valve disease
- cataracts and retinal folds
- patellar luxation
- hip dysplasia
- syringomyelia

Referral to specialists and any additional treatment for any medical conditions that are discovered in the course of these tests and examinations must have approval by the Rescue Coordinator. Any item or procedure not listed here must have approval by the Rescue Coordinator prior to proceeding.