

Verification of Service Dog Immunization

Due to substantial risk in allowing Veteran service animals in residential treatment settings for extended periods of time without proper documentation of vaccination, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 901, The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will collect information verifying the vaccination status of canine animals visiting any VA Campus for extended periods. VA will collect information on the individual canines' health demonstrating immunization from Adenovirus-2, Distemper, Parvovirus, Rabies, and other viral diseases. For those canines involved in Veteran activities (AAA) and involved in Veteran therapy programs (AAT), VA will request general health information demonstrating the canine has been provided core vaccinations, any prior use of prophylactic parasite control meds, and documented proof of regular health screenings.