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A FREE KIT FOR ARIZONA DOG PARENTS

Valley Fever Medication Kit

Valley fever treatment often lasts many months, with medicine every day. This kit keeps the schedule, the notes your vet asks about, and the hand-off to anyone caring for your dog in one place.

1. Medication schedule
2. Weekly notes log
3. Signs to call the vet
4. Care handoff sheet
5. Questions for your vet

Good to know: Valley fever isn't considered contagious. Your dog is very unlikely to pass it to other pets or people. University of Arizona Valley Fever Center for Excellence; CDC; Merck Veterinary Manual

STEP 1 · FILL THIS IN WITH YOUR VET

Medication schedule

Write each medicine exactly as your vet prescribes it. Treatment usually lasts many months, so keep this page where you give the doses.

Dog's name _____ **Started treatment** _____

Medicine	How much, as prescribed	How often	Times	Give it with a meal / empty stomach
				meal / empty stomach
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				meal / empty stomach

RECHECKS AND BLOOD TESTS

Date	Exam / blood test / X-ray	What the vet said

Keep giving the medicine until your vet says to stop. Your vet decides from the blood tests, and stopping too early can bring the signs back. Talk to your vet before changing or stopping anything. University of Arizona Valley Fever Center for Excellence

STEP 2 · ONE PAGE PER WEEK

Weekly notes log

A quick line each day. Bring these pages to every recheck.

Week of _____ **Weight** _____

Day	Doses given AM / PM	Appetite all / some / none	Energy normal / low	Cough none / some / a lot	Limping yes / no	Vomiting or diarrhea	Notes + initials
Mon							
Tue							
Wed							
Thu							
Fri							
Sat							
Sun							

Anything else this week (coat, thirst, skin sores, new signs) _____

What to note comes from the University of Arizona Valley Fever Center for Excellence: the signs of Valley fever (cough, low energy, eating less, limping) and the medicine's side effects (eating less, vomiting, diarrhea, coat changes, drinking and urinating more, skin sores). Print as many copies as you need.

STEP 3 · KEEP THIS ON THE FRIDGE

Signs to call the vet

CALL YOUR VET RIGHT AWAY, OR GO TO AN EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

- Trouble breathing
- A seizure
- Collapse
- Can't use the back legs, or weak
- A cough that won't stop
- Red, squinting or teary eyes
- Suddenly can't see
- Severe pain
- Won't eat or drink
- Keeps vomiting

If you can, call ahead on the way. The vet can tell you what to do and get ready for your dog.

Ohio State University Veterinary Medical Center; University of Arizona Valley Fever Center for Excellence; Merck Veterinary Manual

CALL YOUR VET SOON IF

- Not improving on treatment
- Eating less
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Drinking or urinating more
- Skin sores
- Pain medicine not helping enough
- Signs come back after treatment stops

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If your pet is experiencing an emergency, please contact your veterinarian or the nearest emergency animal hospital right away.

Our vet _____ Phone _____

Emergency hospital _____ Phone _____

STEP 4 · FOR ANYONE CARING FOR YOUR DOG

Care handoff sheet

Dog's name _____ Weight _____ Age _____

Our vet _____ Phone _____

24-hour emergency hospital _____ Phone _____

My phone while I'm away _____

Medicines are kept _____

Schedule ☐ see the medication schedule (page 1) ☐ other _____

Food + amount _____ Times _____

Tips that help my dog eat _____

Walks, yard and digging _____

ASK YOUR VET, AND WRITE THEIR ANSWER HERE

If my dog won't eat, or vomits after a dose, what should happen?

If a dose is missed or late, what should happen?

If my dog has a draining sore, how should it be bandaged and how often?

Good to know for your caregiver: Valley fever isn't considered contagious between dogs or to people (University of Arizona Valley Fever Center for Excellence; CDC). Wash hands after handling a draining sore (Valley Fever Center).

STEP 5 · BRING THIS TO YOUR NEXT VISIT

Questions for your vet

Write the answers in the lines below each one.

1. How should I give each medicine: with a meal or on an empty stomach?
2. What should I do if my dog won't eat, or vomits after a dose?
3. Which side effects should I call you about?
4. When are our rechecks and blood tests?
5. How will we know when it's time to stop treatment?
6. What signs would mean the infection is coming back?
7. If my dog has a draining sore, how should we bandage it?
8. What can we do at home to cut down on dust?

MY OTHER QUESTIONS



GOING AWAY?

Let a veterinary professional give the daily medicine.

Valley fever treatment can last many months. While you're away, a VetterCare veterinary professional gives your dog's medication at home, following your veterinarian's written instructions, and keeps an eye on appetite, coughing and limping. You get photo updates while you're away. Meet your veterinary professional in person before you leave.

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VetterCare gathers this information from published veterinary sources. It is general information, not veterinary advice, and doesn't replace an exam by your veterinarian. VetterCare veterinary professionals follow your veterinarian's instructions. If your pet is experiencing an emergency, contact your veterinarian or the nearest emergency animal hospital right away.

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