



**Animal Medical Clinic, P.C.**  
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## **Vaccination Standards**

1. The state of Alabama has a new rabies law. It states that a veterinarian may give a dog or cat a 1 or 3 year rabies vaccine. This means that your veterinarian will assess your pet's risk and decide which vaccine is best for him or her.
2. Through different studies over the last several years, we know that the immunity provided by vaccination will last and in some cases longer than one year. The vaccinations that are needed for your pet contain both viral and bacterial components. There are newer vaccines that have had proven studies to last up to three years in both dogs and cats. We do recognize those types of vaccines. Your pet's veterinarian must decide if it is wise to vaccinate with these types of vaccines. We will assess your pet's risk to disease and make that decision with you for the vaccines that are proven to last up to three years.
3. The vaccinations that humans receive are governed by the FDA, the Food and Drug Administration. The vaccinations that we give our pets are governed by a different agency, the United States Department of Agriculture. Because of the two different agencies this makes it difficult to change vaccination laws and thus the production of different vaccinations.

*Our policy here at Animal Medical Clinic is to ensure the health and well being of your pet. We strive to make sure your pet has the best health care that is available. Our standards are in place for that reason. It is our hope that by ensuring every animal staying our hospital is vaccinated, this will protect your pet from unnecessary illness. Thank you for your understanding and confidence in our abilities.*

*The Staff of Animal Medical Clinic*