



Veterinary Protocol for BARC Puppies and Dogs

To ensure the health and well-being of BARC puppies and dogs, the following veterinary procedures must be completed:

- **Fecal Testing:** Submit a stool sample for a fecal float to check for Giardia, Coccidia, Campylobacter, and intestinal parasites (roundworms, whipworms, tapeworms, and hookworms).
- **Rabies Vaccination:** Not required for dogs from auctions, as they should already have proof of vaccination. If no documentation is provided, rabies vaccination must be administered at 4 months of age.
- **DHPP (Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza):** Puppies need DHPP or first puppy shots. If vaccine records are not from a licensed vet with a signed certificate, vaccinations must be restarted. Shots given at kennels cannot be considered valid.
- **Bordetella Vaccine:** Required unless the dog shows signs of respiratory congestion or immune system issues.
- **Veterinary Examination:** Ensure a thorough check-up and treat any medical concerns as needed.
- **Microchip Verification:** Verify the microchip matches the records. If no chip is detected, implant one at the first vet visit—do not delay.
- **Preventative Care:** Provide one month of heartworm and flea/tick prevention before the dog goes home. If given during boarding, document the date and product used.

- **Heartworm & Tick-Borne Disease Testing:** Test dogs for Heartworm, Lyme, Anaplasma, and Ehrlichia. Record results.
- **Pregnancy Considerations:** If pregnancy is suspected, perform a sonogram before administering vaccines. If a female dog is found to be pregnant during surgery, close her up and do not proceed with the spay.
- **Dew Claws:** Removal is not performed unless medically necessary. Approval is required.
- **Pre-Surgical Bloodwork:** Blood tests must be completed before spaying or neutering. If results indicate abnormalities (e.g., Heartworm, Lyme, Anaplasma, Ehrlichia, or kidney/liver issues), consult a BARC board member before proceeding.
- **Spay/Neuter:** All dogs are spayed or neutered at 6 months of age.
- **Restricted Procedures:** Gastropexy, laparoscopic spays, X-rays, and DNA tests are not routine and require prior approval.

Following these protocols ensures that all BARC dogs receive the necessary medical care before being placed in their forever homes.

**REMINDER: ANY VETTING PERFORMED OUTSIDE OF WHAT IS NOTED
REQUIRES BOARD APPROVAL**