



Vaccination Waiver Letter: Vet's Version

Here's a letter that I write for my clients who need grooming, boarding, doggy day care, or apartment living. If you have a holistic vet, or at least one who is sympathetic to your desires to stay away from more vaccinations, this could serve as a framework for them to get your own letter written.

This letter has worked for my clients 98% of the time over the past thirty years, and provides the facility with something to put on file to provide CYA. Yes, that's Cover Your Butt in a bit cruder form, but that's what most are happy to have and will unlock most doors for you to board, groom, etc.

Signed by a DVM, it rarely fails. It's put on your vet's stationary, and has a broad, generic To Whom it May Concern greeting, so it covers multiple applications and may be used over and over again.

Note: the diagnosis is best something non-contagious, like allergic conditions, hypothyroidism, or lipomas. These are common diagnoses and should not cause undue concern to the facility owner.

Date:

To Whom it May Concern:

Bentley, a male Vizsla, owned by Paul and Wildflower Beans, is a veterinary patient in my care, with a diagnosis of food allergy dermatitis and otitis. As this is chronic disease, I feel strongly that further vaccination at this time is not indicated or safe for Bentley. Vaccines are all labeled, "Only For Use in Healthy Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets." Clearly, this condition does not make Bentley a candidate for further vaccination.

If immunity is of concern, please note this excerpt from Current Veterinary Therapy XI (1992) on annual vaccinations. The authors are veterinary immunologists who state clearly,

"Immunity to viruses persists for years or for the life of the animal."

Since Bentley has a history of prior vaccination, immunity should still be present and no unnecessary risk should be incurred by commingling with other animals or people.

Further, as his attending veterinarian, I can attest that this animal receives the best of nutrition, close scrutiny for symptoms of disease, and prompt treatment of same if they appear. If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jane R Doe
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