

10 TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO THE VETERINARIAN

**YOUR VETERINARY HOSPITAL CAN ASSIST YOU
IN PREPARING FOR YOUR PET'S VETERINARY
VISITS. HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS.**

- 1.** Put your dog on a leash and your cat in a carrier to avoid encounters with other animals in the waiting room
- 2.** If you've made an appointment for one pet, bring just one pet with you
- 3.** Develop a routine by giving your pet periodic check-ups at home. This will help your pet get used to being handled at the veterinarian
- 4.** Bring your pet's health records or have them transferred ahead of time if you're visiting a new vet
- 5.** Consult your veterinary hospital about feeding your pet before a veterinary visit. Some animals experience motion sickness, and sometimes feeding your pet prior to the appointment may delay needed care
- 6.** Bring a list of foods, special diets, treats and medications, along with details on how often the medications are given. If in doubt, bring the medications with you
- 7.** Discuss any change in your pet's water-drinking habits, appetite, playfulness, energy level, or other behaviors, as well as vomiting or diarrhea
- 8.** Request an estimate, especially if your pet has a major health issue
- 9.** Ask questions. Request handouts, brochures, or online information sources if you want to know more
- 10.** Don't be shy about sharing your observations and concerns—no-one knows your pet better than you do