

VTH Feline Blood Bank Participation Agreement

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital Blood Bank is truly grateful for your participation in this volunteer program. This agreement summarizes the obligations undertaken by the owner of the blood donor animal to the VTH Blood Bank and the benefits provided to the donor by the VTH Blood Bank.

1. All obligations and benefits are pending acceptance of the donor animal into the VTH Blood Bank program based on the results of the animal's physical examination and initial blood tests.
2. The owner agrees to bring the donor cat to the VTH at Virginia Tech for scheduled donations at least four times per year for a minimum of one full year and once per year for a general physical examination and blood testing. Additionally, if the VTH contacts the owner for urgent blood donation it is expected the owner will make every effort to present the cat in a timely manner for donation. If, at the end of one year, the VTH Blood Bank has contacted the owner for donations and the total number of donations does not exceed two, or if the owner withdraws the cat from the program before making at least 3 donations, the owner may be billed for the general physical exam and blood testing.
3. If a donor's temperament is too difficult for continued phlebotomy on more than one occasion or if the owner is deemed uncooperative the Veterinary Technician and Blood Bank Director will notify the owner of their removal from the program. This will be avoided whenever possible and the owner will not be billed for any previous physical exams or blood tests relating to the Blood Bank program.
4. The physical examination and laboratory tests necessary to qualify and maintain the cat as a donor are performed at no cost to the owner and all results are made available to the owner and primary veterinarian.
5. Cats whose physical examination or laboratory results reveal a need for further diagnostic testing and/or medical treatment will be referred back to the primary veterinarian for management. If no primary veterinarian is listed, services of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital may be used for this purpose if desired by the owner. The owner may reapply to the Blood Bank program for that animal after it is declared healthy by the primary veterinarian.
6. The donor animal will be eligible to receive credit for blood products for its own needs on a one-for-one basis (one unit for every unit donated) as long as the animal is active in the program.
7. If the cat is housed with dogs or if fleas are noted on the cat at any time, the owner agrees to use year-round (12 months a year) monthly flea preventative approved by the faculty of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital during the entire period that the cat is an acceptable blood donor.
8. Donor cats in the VTH Blood Bank Program will receive annual vaccinations and flea prevention (Advantage) products at no cost for as long as they remain in the program.

Signed in Agreement:

Signature of Owner

Printed Name of Owner

Date

If you have any questions, please-mail the VTH Blood Bank at bloodbank@vt.edu