

# Meowkins Cat Boarding & Care

## Health, Safety, and Boarding Policies

Serving Norfolk and the Hampton Roads region of Virginia

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### 1. Overview

Meowkins Cat Boarding & Care is committed to maintaining the highest standards of health, safety, and humane treatment for all cats staying at our facility. These policies help protect your cat, other cats in our care, and our staff. Our procedures follow widely accepted animal boarding practices and guidance provided by Virginia regulatory agencies.

### 2. Operational Status

Meowkins is currently completing licensing, property preparation, and regulatory compliance. We are not yet accepting cats for boarding. These policies describe the procedures that will apply once operations begin.

### 3. Vaccination Requirements

Vaccination records must be provided prior to boarding in order to protect the health of all cats staying at the facility.

Vaccination	Status	Notes
Rabies	Required by Virginia Law	Must be administered by a licensed veterinarian
FVRCP (Distemper combination)	Strongly Recommended	Protects against common respiratory and viral diseases.
FeLV (Feline Leukemia)	Recommended depending on lifestyle	Especially recommended for cats that spend time outdoors.

Virginia rabies vaccination law information:

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title3.2/chapter65/section3.2-6521/>

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Animal Care Information):

<https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/animals-animal-care.shtml>

### 4. General Health Requirements

- Cats must be free of contagious illness at check-in.
- Cats must not show symptoms of respiratory infection, parasites, or infectious disease.

- Owners must disclose any medical conditions, medications, or behavioral concerns.
- Meowkins reserves the right to decline boarding if a condition could place other cats at risk.

### **5. Cats With Medical Needs**

- We may accommodate cats requiring basic medication administration.
- Special feeding schedules and veterinary-prescribed diets may be accommodated.
- FIV-positive cats may be accepted.
- FIV-positive cats will require a private room separated from other cats.
- They will not be allowed into the shared atrium play area.
- For enrichment and comfort we strongly recommend booking a full private room.

### **6. Illness During Boarding**

- If a cat shows signs of illness, staff will immediately assess the situation.
- The owner will be contacted immediately and informed of the symptoms.
- We will contact the preferred veterinarian listed on the intake form.
- If the veterinarian is unavailable, we may contact a mobile veterinarian or transport the cat to a local animal hospital.
- Our priority is always the safety and well-being of the cat.

### **7. Disease Prevention and Sanitation**

- Cats are housed individually unless from the same household.
- Routine cleaning and sanitation of all enclosures and surfaces.
- Monitoring for signs of illness or stress.
- Immediate isolation if a contagious illness is suspected.

### **8. Fear Free Care Philosophy**

Meowkins strives to follow Fear Free inspired animal handling principles. Our goal is to minimize stress, anxiety, and fear in cats during their stay. This includes quiet environments, gentle handling, individualized enrichment, and careful observation of each cat's comfort level.

### **9. Emergency Veterinary Authorization**

In the event of a medical emergency, the owner authorizes Meowkins to seek veterinary treatment if the owner cannot be reached in a timely manner. The owner is responsible for all veterinary costs associated with emergency care provided during the boarding stay.

### **10. Owner Agreement and Signature**

The following section may be used as part of the boarding agreement when reservations become available.

Owner Name	
Cat Name(s)	
Preferred Veterinarian	
Owner Signature	
Date	