

## **VTC Vet Tech General Care**

1 – In addition to having two licensed veterinarians on staff, the college, maintains one veterinarian in the position of Attending Veterinarian. This is a requirement of both the AVMA as well as the USDA. The responsibilities of this position as required by the USDA are described below:

"The Federal Animal Welfare Act Title 9 Volume 11 Section 2.33 requires that the College have an attending veterinarian to oversee the health and welfare of animals housed at Vermont Tech and provides appropriate treatment to maintain the general good health of the animal population. The position deals with providing health services to the small animal population of the College particularly those housed in the Veterinary Technology program."

2 – Our dogs are housed in indoor climate controlled kennels ranging in size from 3' x 8' to 4' x 8'. Each dog is exercised at least 3 times per day to improve social skills and adoptability.

3 – Our cats are housed in indoor climate controlled rooms with cages that meet USDA size regulations. Each cat is exercised at least 1 times per day, if they are not out for the entire day, to improve social skills and adoptability.

When animals come into our facility, a complete physical will be done for each animal and the following procedures/exams will be included:

### **Vaccinations**

Upon entry into the program all dogs will have their current vaccination status confirmed. Any dog missing or late with their vaccines will be vaccinated for:

Parvovirus

Distemper

Hepatitis

Leptospirosis

Rabies

Bordetella

Upon entry into the program all cats will have their current vaccination status confirmed. Any cat missing or late with their vaccines will be vaccinated for:

Panleukopenia

Respiratory Viruses

Rabies

### **Parasite Control**

#### **Ectoparasites**

Upon entry into the program, all dogs and cats will be checked for external parasites.

Any animal found with parasites will be treated for them as per the attending veterinarian's orders.

**Blood Parasites**

Upon entry into the program, all dogs will be checked for heartworm. Any animal found with parasites will be treated for them as per the attending veterinarian's orders.

**Intestinal Parasites**

Upon entry into the program all dogs and cats will have a fecal check testing for intestinal parasites. Any animal found with parasites will be treated for them as per the attending veterinarian's orders.

**Emergency Care**

While animals are housed in our facility, they are checked and cared for at least twice daily. In the event of an emergency, we have a veterinary technician and a veterinarian on-call 24/7/. This coverage will cover nights, weekends, and holidays.

**Euthanasia**

If necessary, a sick or diseased animal will be humanely euthanized using an injection of commercially prepared euthanasia solution according to label instructions and at the direction of the attending veterinarian.