

Preparing your Pet for their Visit to the Vet

Tips for Dog Owners:

1. We recommend purchasing a harness or fixed length leash. This allows more control during what can be a somewhat anxious visit.
2. Condition them early to enjoy car rides. Start with short drives around the neighborhood. Feed treats and make it a positive experience. Add more and more time as they get used to it. If ever anxious, stop and try again another day.
3. On the day of the visit, feed a small meal in the morning. If they are hungry, your dog will respond better to food rewards at the veterinary hospital. A calm stomach leads to a calm mind. (This does not apply to diabetic animals)
4. Bring in their favorite treat, kibble, or toy. You are the best at knowing what your dog goes crazy over!
5. During the car ride try some calming classical music. It is said to soothe even a dog's nerves.
6. Speak in a low voice. High pitched praise can often increase anxiety.
7. If you have an anxious dog, leave them in the car and check in with the receptionist. They will advise you when an exam room is available. Limiting time in the waiting room creates a calmer visit.
8. If your dog is often fearful, a great book to read is "Decoding Your Dog". You can find it on Amazon.com

We hope it helps lessen stress for you
and your pet!

