

Hong Kong Veterinary Association

Policy Document On Vaccination

1. Members should be familiar with the minimal requirements for completing vaccination certificates set out in Paragraph 26 of the VSB Code of Practice.
2. The Association would further recommend that any Vaccination Certificate issued to a breeder/pet shop must include the name of the breeder/pet shop and have sufficient space for the later insertion of the name of the subsequent purchaser/owner.
3. The Association recognises that accurate identification can be difficult, however there is no excuse for omitting relevant details such as sex/age/breed/colour and any other distinguishing feature.
4. HKVA recommendations fall into line with those of the AVA and BSAVA we do not feel there is sufficient scientific data to alter the present policy of annual vaccinations for both dogs and cats.
 - The Association urges all members to be aware of the current AAFP (American Association of Feline Practitioners) guidelines which recommend triennial vaccination for cats.
 - The HKVA is currently unaware of any confirmed cases of feline vaccine site sarcomas in Hong Kong. Members are asked to notify the Executive who will monitor the situation locally.
5. Members choosing to adopt a triennial policy should feel free to do so, however the HKVA recommends that practitioners seek advice from their Professional Liability Insurers.