



## HOUSTON ANIMAL RESCUE TEAM, HART Health Policy

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Houston Animal Rescue Team, HART is very concerned about the health of our rescues. The dogs are bathed and groomed and taken to a vet so they can be properly examined. Each animal is vaccinated, age appropriately. Adult dogs are given a DHLPP booster, as well as a rabies shot, and bordatella (kennel cough) vaccines and StrongID. Puppies are given at least two DHLPP vaccines, and three if age appropriate, as well as kennel cough vaccine and rabies shot if over 12 weeks of age. All animals are also dewormed and placed on flea and heartworm prevention. All dogs over 6 months are tested for heartworm to be sure they are negative. If the dog has not been spayed or neutered, will be scheduled as soon as appropriate. HART also routinely has dentals done on all rescues, as required. All dogs are also microchipped.

Any medical conditions found by our vet are treated according to their directive. The most common health issues we see with rescues are respiratory, skin and ear infections and heartworm and dental disease. We ensure any foster home has properly vaccinated their pets, including bordatella to prevent the spread of any infectious diseases. We ask foster homes to keep the rescue separated from their pets for a period of two weeks to be sure that they are not infected by an illness that may take a few weeks to surface. The rescue is kept in a separate room with its own water and food dish.