



# IDENTIFYING HIGH-RISK PATIENTS:

## *Questions to Ask When Making Appointments*

**Species:** Canine Feline Other: \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Has the patient...

*(Check all boxes that apply.)*

- Been recently adopted or purchased? Date of acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_
- Visited a boarding kennel, dog park, day care facility, or animal shelter in the past week.
- Attended a dog/cat show of any kind in the past week?
- Traveled to another area or country in the past week?
- Been exposed to other animals who are ill?
  - o What were their clinical signs? \_\_\_\_\_
- Had a multi-drug resistant infection?
  - o What kind of infection? Urinary Skin/Ear Bone Not sure

### In the past 24 hours, has the patient...

- Vomited?
- Had three or more loose stools?
- Had episodes of bloody diarrhea?
- Begun coughing more than once in an hour?
- Begun sneezing more than once in an hour?
- Had a fever? (Rectal temperature if known: \_\_\_\_\_ )

**!** ***Alert the animal care staff and the receiving veterinarian if any boxes have been checked.***

### Patients should not enter the reception area if they have a history of:

- ✓ Sudden onset of coughing, sneezing, vomiting, or diarrhea (± a fever)
- ✓ Multi-drug resistant infection

### **ACTIONS:**

1. Meet the owners outside and escort them in via a separate entrance, or use a carrier or gurney to transport the pet through the reception area if necessary.
2. Use alternative waiting/examination locations, or use barrier precautions (e.g., gloves, gown, booties) based on the initial risk assessment.
3. Clean and disinfect any waiting or examination locations occupied before using those areas again for other animals.