

Assessing Client Risk for Zoonotic Disease Transmission



- Which species of pets reside in your home (eg, cats, dogs, rabbits, reptiles, amphibians, birds)?
- Do you have contact with large-animal species, such as horses, cattle, sheep, or goats?
- Does anyone with an immature or weakened immune system live in your home?
 - Very young children or an elderly person?
 - Anyone receiving chemotherapy for cancer?
 - Anyone receiving immunosuppressants for immune-mediated diseases or organ transplantation?
 - Anyone who has undergone splenectomy?
 - Anyone with HIV/AIDS?
- Is your pet's rabies vaccination current?
- Do you routinely wash your hands after handling your pets?
- Regarding deworming of pets:
 - Are your pets routinely dewormed?
 - Do you purchase your own deworming products for your pets?
 - If so, which products have been used for deworming your pets?
- Do you use topical medication to control ticks and fleas on your pets?
- Do you routinely collect and dispose of animal waste that is found in your yard?
 - If so, who in your house does so?
- Do your pets ever come in contact with other species through predatory behavior or wandering (eg, feral cats, raccoons)?
- Do you ever travel and take your pets with you?
- Do you use topical mosquito repellants on yourself when outdoors?
- Do you garden? If so, do you wear gloves when gardening?
- Do children's sandboxes remain covered when not in use?
- Regarding animal bites to humans:
 - Does an animal with aggressive or unpredictable temperament live in your home?
 - Has this animal ever bitten anyone?
 - Do you routinely wash your skin after any bites or scratches?
 - Are you aware of the need to contact your physician following an animal bite?
- Regarding raw meat:
 - Do you ever feed your pet raw meat?
 - Do you handle raw meat without gloves (including hunters who dress a carcass in the field)?
 - Do you thoroughly disinfect kitchen cutting boards following contact with raw meat?
- Regarding cat litter boxes:
 - Do you wear gloves when cleaning the box?
 - Do you clean the box daily?
 - Do you dispose of the waste material in a closed container?
- Are any of your pets involved in "human-animal bond" or animal-assisted therapies, such as visits to nursing homes?

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