



**EVERGREEN  
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*Full-Service Small Animal Hospital*

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## **GiardiaVax® Vaccine for Dogs**

**Giardia** is a health concern for both people and dogs. While Giardia infection (Giardiasis) is a recognized **zoonotic disease** (animal to human transfer), the role that your pet assumes is not well established.

Giardia is a waterborne parasite that can be found throughout the United States in puddles, ponds, swimming pools and even in your backyard. Your dog can also get infected with Giardia by grooming or licking the haircoat of another animal that is infected.

**Symptoms of Giardia infections include the following:**

- **Diarrhea**
- **Weight loss**
- **Abdominal pain**
- **Vomiting**

Sometimes your dog may have subtle symptoms such as occasional diarrhea.

A new vaccine called GiardiaVax® is now available. GiardiaVax® has been proven to prevent clinical disease caused by Giardia infection and to significantly reduce the incidence, severity and duration of cyst shedding. Subsequent to Giardia exposure, your dog may pass Giardia in its feces, therefore, proper hygiene and sanitation practices should be implemented.

Our hospital strongly recommends that you vaccinate your dog against Giardia. GiardiaVax® is administered as two doses given 2-4 weeks apart followed by a yearly booster.

**ACCEPTANCE**

I hereby authorize the staff at Evergreen Animal Hospital to perform the recommended Giardia vaccination using the GiardiaVax® vaccine.

**REFUSAL**

I choose not to have my pet vaccinated against Giardia at this time. I understand the risks involved to my pet's health in so refusing.

Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_