



VALLEY FEVER

MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR VALLEY FEVER

This pet has been diagnosed with Valley Fever, a non-contagious fungal infection that is contracted from the environment. Valley Fever can cause a variety of clinical signs depending on the severity of infection and organs involved. Common signs include coughing, lethargy, weight loss, decreased appetite, limping, and skin lesions. Although the pet is doing well clinically, typically anti-fungal medications need to be continued long-term (potentially even for life) in order to keep the infection under control. Discontinuing the medication can result in recurrence of infection and clinical disease. Most veterinarians will require an exam and testing of Valley Fever titer levels annually for monitoring of the disease and for a medication refill. All follow-up care will need to be done with the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's expense.