

The Care And Handling Of Your Veterinarian

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Have the animal up and everything ready if at all possible before he/she gets there. Don't wait until you are sure the animal is going to die unless help is required before you call. If you cannot have the animal up say so and explain situation when you call, no surprises please. If you say money is no object that may mean he won't get paid. Don't try to impress with your knowledge or tell about what grandpa did or said. When calling don't say you have called every vet in the area so had to call you (that may cost you more).

Have a vet/client relationship and not a last resort emergency call situation. If you use other vets that's OK but don't talk about it. Don't run down other vets (that simply indicates you probably owe them). Don't try to tell him what kind of person you are because he probably already knows or will soon find out. Animals, pastures and facilities tend to look alike. Fast talk usually indicates slow pay.

If your dog is a biter please advise. Sometimes there can be real unpleasant surprises (when a dog bites the vet the owner gets mad and blames the vet). If the owner repeatedly says the dog won't bite, you can bet it will. Don't let your

animal run loose in the clinic, even the most house broke dog will try to leave his mark. Vets don't see the humor of dog poop that owners do. If asked to hold the animal don't turn loose and scream at the animal when it growls and snaps.

When contending with a problem animal a problem owner makes it worse. Always bring a cat in a carrier, a cloth zip up one is best. A pillow case will work. A cat, held firmly by the nap of the neck is not painful or punishment but calming like when carried by its mother. Don't brag about how much money you have spent on your animal and try to get charity from the attending doctor. Bring in one animal at a time unless in carriers. Please don't scream at your children because we like children too. Do not take more expensive drugs than you can pay for. Don't call on Sunday mornings and Saturday nights to inquire about surgical fees and appointments. Let the children come back and see what's going on, they like to be involved also. We enjoy watching children grow up. We can usually tell who will be winners. The fruit usually falls close to the tree. A compliment is appreciated but too much flattery causes the fear of non-payment to enter ones mind. Δ

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