



Veterinary Health Center

MANHATTAN, KANSAS

OFFICIAL PROTOCOL

ACCOMPANYING & BUDDY ANIMALS

Purpose: Often a healthy mare, cow, llama, alpaca, dog, cat or other animal is presented to the VHC with a sick accompanying foal, calf, cria, puppy or kitten or vice versa. In these cases, a medical record will be set up on both animals.

I. Accompanying Inpatient Charges

A Record Fee (E1023) and Daily Care Accompanying (H1057) will be entered on the accompanying healthy animal. An exam or recheck fee plus other appropriate charges will be entered on the sick patient.

II. Accompanying Outpatient Charges

Accompanying OP Equine (E1210) or Accompanying OP Small Animal (E1209) will be entered on the accompanying healthy animal. This code includes setting up a record. An exam or recheck fee plus other appropriate charges will be entered on the sick patient.

This protocol does not apply to Small Animal Theriogenology Teaser Patients. In those cases when a client brings in a teaser bitch for semen collection, the clinician will make a notation in the male's record that there was an accompanying female animal. A record will not be set up or will any charges be entered for the female for this service.

"Buddy" animals are defined as those who enter the hospital and must be present with a sick patient in order to provide treatment. Buddy animals usually accompany horses, llamas or alpacas. The buddy animal may be placed in a cage, run or stall separate from the sick patient or together. A medical record will be established on both animals at time of registration.

Sick patients will be charged an exam or recheck fee plus other appropriate charges. Buddy animals will be charged the appropriate "Buddy Fee" each day (see below). The charge for setting up the record is included in the fee.

Daily Buddy Canine	E1195
Daily Buddy Equine	E1198
Daily Buddy Feline	E1196
Daily Buddy Small Exotic	E1197
Daily Buddy Llama/Alpaca	E1194

Buddy horses, llamas and/or alpacas that stay on a trailer that are owned by a client who has brought a patient for a routine appointment or emergency will not be registered as patients or assessed a buddy fee. We encourage these animals to remain on trailers for safety purposes.