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Client *Bartonella* Therapy Protocol

Veterinary Hospital: _____

Pet Owner: _____

Pet: _____

FeBart Test # _____

Your cat has tested positive by the FeBart Test for infection with the bacteria *Bartonella*. *Bartonella* are spread from cat to cat by fleas and is a zoonotic infection, meaning the bacteria can be transmitted from animals to humans, and can cause numerous diseases in people (see the NVL website for more information).

We will prescribe antibiotics for your pet to treat this infection. The antibiotic will be given for _____ days. Six months after the end of therapy, your pet can be retested by the *Bartonella* Therapy Titration Test to ensure that the *Bartonella* infection has been eliminated. The Therapy Titration Test is more expensive than the original test because, unlike the single screening FeBart Test, 8 tests must be done, 4 for the original blood sample and 4 for the 6-month post-therapy sample to determine if the antibody has decreased sufficiently to show effective therapy. There is a 12% failure rate after the initial treatment. The Therapy Titration Test will determine if your pet has been successfully treated for *Bartonella* or if your pet needs a second course of antibiotics. In order to prevent re-infection, flea prevention is necessary.

Recommendations:

We recommend that you test any other cats at home for *Bartonella*.



Institute flea prevention as prescribed: _____ Flea control

Do the Therapy Titration Test for this cat on or after- date: _____