



YOUR PUPPY'S HEALTH MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Congratulations! Your puppy has completed the first vital stage of our total wellness program, designed to provide proper treatment, diagnosis, and care to insure your pet a full and healthy lifespan. Below are the services and general time frames of your puppy's health care program.

VACCINES:

DA2PP (Parvo/Distemper/Adenovirus Type 2/Parainfluenza): Puppies must start their DA2PP vaccine series between 6-8 weeks of age. Puppies will receive booster vaccines every 3-4 weeks until **20 weeks of age**.

RABIES: Given at 12 weeks of age or as soon after as possible.

Canine INFLUENZA and BORDETELLA: Social vaccines are given if your dog "goes where other dogs go".

- ◆ **Oral Bordetella**: Given as early as 8 weeks of age.
- ◆ **Influenza (H3N2/H3N8)**: 2-vaccine series. Given at 16 weeks of age, with a booster vaccine given at 18-20 weeks of age. **It is important that the booster vaccine be given on time or series will need to be restarted**

DEWORMING/INTESTINAL PARASITE TESTING:

An **Intestinal Parasite Test (Poop Needed)** and **Deworming** will be completed at your puppy's first appointment, followed by a second deworming and intestinal parasite test in 2-4 weeks. We may postpone the second intestinal parasite test if your puppy is positive for worms/parasites. In cases where puppies test positive for worms/parasites, additional deworming medications and intestinal parasite tests may be prescribed.

MICROCHIPPING is strongly recommended as soon as 4 months of age. Too many pets that "never get out" DO, so please consider doing this to make sure your pet will always have the best chance of finding their way home to you!

SPAY/NEUTER along with pre-anesthetic bloodwork should be done at 4 –12 MONTHS OF AGE, **depending on individual patient medical and behavioral considerations discussed with our doctors**

ADULTS (1-6 YEARS OLD) need the following care:

- ◆ Annual Examination, dental examination, and yearly preventive lab work with Intestinal Parasite Testing
- ◆ 4-1 Vaccine and Rabies Vaccine every *third* year
- ◆ Canine Influenza Vaccine and Bordetella Vaccine every year
- ◆ Heartworm preventive **ProHeart®** or **Simparica Trio®**

ADULTS (7+ YEARS) Same as above, but receive semi-annual examinations with lab tests and urinalysis *as indicated*.

WE RECOMMEND.....

1. **INTESTINAL PARASITE TESTS**: Intestinal parasite tests and first dewormings should be done as soon as possible, then *yearly as adults*. Intestinal parasite infections must be diagnosed and treated to keep your pet (and family) healthy.
2. **ANNUAL OR SEMI-ANNUAL EXAMS AND DENTAL EXAMINATION**: Preventive care is the best way to avoid costly, critical care in the future. Since on average, pets age 7 years to 1 human year, your pet should be examined *at least* once a year until age 6 and **twice a year** once they reach 7 years of age. With each wellness examination, we will also conduct an oral examination to look for signs of periodontal disease. Left untreated, dental disease will result in pain and discomfort, tooth loss, lowered resistance to disease, and greater susceptibility to heart, lung, and kidney disease.
Preventive exams and routine dental care are crucial in keeping your pet healthy for years to come.
3. **LAB WORK**: Lab work gives us an inside look at your pet's internal organ health and can many times help us catch problems, *even in young animals*, that can help prolong the life and health of your pet. Routine yearly lab work also gives us a valuable "baseline" and trending to refer to if your pet becomes sick.
4. **MICROCHIPPING**: Although it is recommended to do when young, this can be done at any age. (We think it's so important, we are recommending it twice!) **Please ask our staff for further information!**
5. **HEARTWORM PREVENTIVE**: Heartworm is HERE and we recommend all pets be protected with preventives to avoid life-threatening heartworm disease. We recommend keeping all dogs on the Heartworm preventives **ProHeart®** or **Simparica Trio®** (depending on age and medical history)
6. **FLEA/TICK CONTROL**: Flea/tick control is important for your pet's health and comfort. We strongly recommend using **Simparica Trio®** (for fleas & ticks, intestinal parasites, and heartworms), or **Bravecto®** (for fleas/ticks). If you see or suspect fleas or ticks, be sure to contact our office immediately. **Please call our office before applying any other flea products. Improper use of flea/tick products can be dangerous!!**
7. **APPROPRIATE NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM**: Each stage of your dog's life has specific nutritional needs. Excessive or insufficient intake of nutrients can put your pet at risk. We recommend using a premium dog food, such as **Royal Canin**, that is specifically formulated for your pet's particular life stage.

Our doctors and staff are committed to providing you and your puppy the best of care. Reminder notices, phone calls, and follow-up calls will be made. Please do not hesitate to call us with your questions!

