

GROWING UP HEALTHY

Our Puppy Health and Wellness Plan

We feel that it is very important that you become educated in your puppy's healthcare. Our goal is to make sure that we keep your puppy as healthy as possible and help him /her transition into adulthood. This handout outlines our recommendations to keep your puppy healthy.

First Puppy Examination (6-8 weeks old):

- Comprehensive physical examination
- First Distemper-Parvovirus Combination Vaccination (+/- Leptospirosis)
- Deworming medication
- Parasite and flea control recommendations (ex. Monthly Revolution, Advantage, etc)

Second Puppy Examination (10-12 weeks old)

- Comprehensive physical examination
- Second Distemper-Parvovirus-Leptospirosis Combination Booster Vaccine
- Fecal Examination with appropriate dewormer (**BRING STOOL SAMPLE**)
- Parasite and flea control/prevention recommendations (ex. Revolution, Advantage)
- Begin monthly heartworm prevention (Revolution, Interceptor). Puppies should begin heartworm prevention at this age and continue on monthly heartworm prevention every month, year-round.

Third Puppy Examination (14-16 weeks old)

- Comprehensive physical examination
- Third Distemper-Parvovirus-Leptospirosis Combination Booster Vaccine
- Rabies Vaccination (1year) (if sixteen weeks of age)
- Continue flea control/prevention (ex. Revolution, Advantage, Advantix)
- Continue monthly heartworm preventative (Revolution, Interceptor)

Fourth Puppy Examination (18-20 weeks old)

- Comprehensive physical examination
- Fourth Distemper-Parvovirus-Leptospirosis Combination Booster Vaccine – this fourth booster may be required based on your individual puppy's age and vaccine schedule
- Rabies Vaccination (1 year) if not given at the third visit
- Continue flea control/prevention (Revolution, Advantage, Advantix)
- Continue monthly heartworm preventative (Revolution, Interceptor)

Six Months Old

- Ovariohysterectomy (spay) performed on female dogs
- Castration (neuter) performed on male dogs
- We recommend an identification microchip be inserted underneath the skin at this time. Microchipping your puppy is a permanent and reliable way to return a lost puppy to his / her owners in case a collar or leash slips off. Ask for further information on microchipping your puppy.