

PUPPY INFORMATION

VACCINATIONS

DAP (Distemper, Adenovirus/Hepatitis, Parvo Viruses) - highly contagious, potentially fatal viral diseases that cause fever, respiratory disease, seizures, listlessness, vomiting, and diarrhea. ** Start vaccines at 6 - 8 weeks of age; booster every 3- 4 weeks with last puppy booster at 14 - 16 weeks of age. Vaccine repeated at 1 year, then every 3 years.

LEPTO4 (Leptospirosis)- bacterial disease that attacks the kidneys and liver.

**Start vaccine at 12 weeks of age; booster due in 3 -4 weeks, then given annually.

LYME - transmitted by deer ticks;common disease in our area. Causes lameness, fever; potential kidney failure.

** Start vaccine at 12 weeks of age; booster due in 3 - 4 weeks, then given annually.

RABIES - Fatal viral disease affecting the central nervous system. A Zoonotic disease (humans can get).

**Given at 12 weeks of age or older, boosted one year later, and then given every 3 years.

BORDETELLA (Kennel Cough)- highly contagious infectious disease of the upper respiratory tract. Intra oral vaccination is given and needs to be boosted annually for those dogs at risk. Required for boarding, showing or training situations. Repeated annually, Start the vaccine at 8 weeks of age.

CANINE INFLUENZA - Highly contagious disease of the respiratory tract that can lead to secondary pneumonia with damage to the lung tissue. Recommended for all "social" dogs that will be going to shows, dog parks, large boarding facilities, traveling out of state, etc. Given as young as 12 weeks and boosted 3 to 4 weeks later, then annually.

INTESTINAL PARASITES

** Submit a stool sample for microscopic examination for parasite eggs.

** Administer the broad-spectrum dewormer or medication as recommended by the veterinary staff.

HEARTWORM DISEASE

** Puppies do not require the test if they have had no exposure to mosquitoes----if they were born after December 1st the prior year, and/or are less than 6 months of age.

**All dogs over six months need a blood test each spring to ensure that they do not have heartworm disease.

** If the dog or the puppy are free of the parasite, begin the preventative medication. Start the once-a-month biscuit/pill March 30th and continue monthly through November 30th. *We recommend giving the prevention year round for the added benefit of preventing intestinal parasites.*

** *Interceptor plus* prevents heartworm disease and 3 types of intestinal worms in your dog.

** *HeartGard Plus* prevents heartworm disease and 2 types intestinal worms in your dog.

FLEA AND TICK PREVENTION

****TOPICALS:** Applied once a month during the flea and tick season. Ticks are out as soon as it warms to 50degrees. Fleas begin their activity early spring, but are at their worst August through October. Products below are "Waterproof"----no bathing/swimming 24 hours before or after applying.

***Vectra and K9 Advantix II:* Safe at 7 weeks of age. Repels and kills ticks, fleas, mosquitoes, biting flies and chewing lice. Kills fleas within 12 hours.

***Frontline Plus:* Safe at 8 weeks of age. Kills fleas within 18 hours and ticks within 48 hours.

****ORAL:** A new oral product, *Nexgard*, is available to control fleas and ticks for your pet. The chewable treat is given every 30 days during the flea/tick season.

** Start flea/tick protection in March/April and continue through the end of November. Many people are choosing to do prevention year round for their pets. This helps everyone to maintain the monthly schedule. **

NEUTERING/SPAYING

** Neutering your male can make him less likely to roam, reduce aggressive behavior, and helps to reduce his risk of developing prostate infections later in life.

** Spaying your female will decrease her risk of unwanted pregnancies, uterine infections and mammary tumors.

** Surgery is recommended at 4 - 6 months of age for both males and females.

** We recommend Microchip administration at the time of surgery.

NUTRITION

** Your puppy should be on a high quality growth/puppy formula for at least the first 9 to 18 months (depending on the breed). We recommend feeding 2 times a day. Water should be offered free choice.

** Remember puppies usually need to pass stool 15 min-1 hour after eating.