



The Ultimate Guide To Dog Care

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Our Mission

Our primary and guiding philosophy is to provide the safest and most up-to-date veterinary care to the animals that are brought to our facility, and to be compassionate and considerate to their owners.

To educate our community about the importance of veterinary healthcare.

To treat our staff with the utmost respect at all times, and provide them with educational opportunities to enrich their skills, and encourage them to share their passion for animals with everyone they meet.



6-8 weeks: Veterinary Recommendations

Congratulations on your new family member! This is such a fun and exciting time for both you and your new dog. Remember that your puppy is still a baby at this point. It is super important that you make an appointment with your veterinarian ASAP! Your puppy should be visiting your veterinarian every three weeks until they reach 4 months old.



Age: 6-8 Weeks

Discussion Points

- Complete physical examination
- with one of our veterinarians
- Fecal Screening
- 1st DHP Parvo vaccine
- 1st De-worming
- Begin Sentinel

Recommended Services

- Importance of a regular physical examination
- Vaccinations
- Nutrition
- Parasites and flea control
- Heartworm Disease
- Grooming/bathing
- Puppy school and behavior training /Crate training

9-11 weeks: Veterinary Recommendations

Hopefully by now you have a good potty training routine and have started basic puppy classes to help socialize your puppy. This is a critical time in development and health, where habits are formed. You may have lots of questions and we have lots of answers. Come in for a visit!



Age: 9-11 weeks

Discussion Points

- Oral care – brushing your dog's teeth
- Ear & Skin Care
- Spay or Neuter Discussion
- Blood Testing & Panels

Recommended Services

- Puppy education & discussion with technician
- 2nd DHP Parvo vaccine
- 2nd De-worming

12-14 weeks: Veterinary Recommendations

Your puppy's personality is becoming more obvious at this point. This visit is a perfect time to discuss any behavioural concerns. Make sure that your puppy is up to date on all of its vaccinations, deworming, flea and heartworm prevention protocols.



Age: 12-14 weeks

Discussion Points

- Hip dysplasia & Radiographs
- Lyme Disease & Tick control
- Traveling with your dog
- Licensing with Animal Control

Recommended Services

- Puppy education & discussion with technician
- 3rd DHP Parvo vaccine
- Bordetella vaccine
- 3rd De-worming

16 weeks: Veterinary Recommendations

Four months old is a major milestone in the life of your puppy. Most vaccines should be completed by around this stage and housetraining should be mostly complete. This is a good time to discuss plans for spaying or neutering your puppy.



Age: 16 weeks

Discussion Points

- Housetraining
- Vaccines
- Spaying / Neutering
- Nutrition
- Behavioral issues

Recommended Services

- Puppy education & discussion with technician
- Consultation with veterinarian
- 4th DHP Parvo vaccine
- Rabies vaccine (1 year)
- Leptospirosis vaccine

4-6 months: Veterinary Recommendations

This is when a puppy turns into a teenager and therefore training is very important. Most puppies are spayed or neutered during this stage and this is also a good time to discuss diet/nutrition and make sure your dog is on a good flea and tick and heartworm prevention plan.



Age: 4-6 months

Discussion Points

- Behavior & Training
- Nutrition and Weight
- Spay & Neuter
- Parasite control
- Breed specific concerns

Recommended Services

- Pre-Surgical Examination
- Pre-Surgical Blood Test
- Surgical Altering
- Hip Radiographs

1 Year: Veterinary Recommendations

Your dog is now full-grown. Some breeds will have issues with weight that need to be discussed with your veterinarian. Exercise will play a crucial role in both behavior, weight and quality of life for your dog. Your veterinarian is a great resource for ideas on healthy lifestyle.



Age: 1 Year

Discussion Points

- Review optimal weight & nutrition guidelines
- Make an exercise plan
- Vaccine boosters
- Review parasite prevention
- Review behavior and training

Recommended Services

- Annual Physical Examination
- Annual DA2P-P combo vaccine
- Bordetella* vaccine – 6 month vax
- Rabies vaccine (3 year)
- Fecal Analysis
- Heartworm Test
- Mini blood panel
- Refill of flea, tick and heartworm prevention

2 Years: Veterinary Recommendations

As a full grown yet young dog, at this point your dog should have a lot of energy and may need help directing that energy to avoid bad behavior patterns. Two year olds need a lot of attention and exercise. Some large breeds may show signs of congenital joint issues at this time. If you have a large breed it would be a good time to discuss musculoskeletal health.



Age: 2 Years

Discussion Points

- Exercise & weight
- Behavioral issues
- For large breeds, review musculoskeletal issues
- For small breeds, review dental health
- Breed specific concerns
- Wellness & preventive care

Recommended Services

- Parvo vaccine (3 year) Bordetella
- Vaccine – every 6 months
- Fecal Analysis
- Heartworm
- Wellness panel