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New Puppy Checklist

Vaccination

Your puppy needs to be vaccinated against Distemper, Hepatitis and Parvo Virus. Canine Cough vaccine is optional—our staff can advise whether your dog is likely to be at risk.

Puppies are due for their first vaccination between the age of 6-8 weeks. Booster vaccinations are given at 12-14 weeks and at 16 -18 weeks of age. All vaccinations are boosted annually and we will send you a reminder when your dogs vaccination is due.

Worming

Puppies are mostly at risk from ROUNDWORM, which can be passed on to humans. Your puppy will need worming every 2 weeks until 12 weeks of age with a roundworm treatment. An ALLWORMER should then be given every 3 months for the rest of the dogs life—these ALLWORMERS need to cover ROUNDWORM, HOOKWORM, WHIPWORM, FLEA TAPEWORM, and HYDATID TAPEWORM.



Heartworm

Heartworm, a separate parasite to intestinal worms, is transmitted by mosquitos. It is easily prevented, yet if contracted is usually fatal. Prevention can be administered by monthly tablets, spot-on applications or yearly injection. Accurate dosage is very important, if doses are missed, your dog may need to have a blood test before taking the medication again. Heartworm prevention must be commenced before puppies turn six months of age. Treatment can be given from as early as 2 weeks of age.

Fleas

We stock a range of good quality products which are safe to use and easy to administer to your puppy. We can advise which products will best suit your requirements. An effective flea control program is targeted at killing and preventing fleas on your pet as well as preventing eggs from hatching and immature fleas from accumulating in your pet's environment.

REMEMBER.....ALL PETS need to be treated.

Diet

A good quality balanced diet is essential for a puppy to grow to a healthy adult dog. We stock a wide range of premium diets and can advise if your puppy's diet is adequate. Remember, your puppy has only one chance at growing—so it is very important to get it right first time.

Dental Health

Healthy teeth and gums are essential to the overall wellbeing of your dog. Tartar build-up can lead to gum and periodontal disease. This can eventually lead to other internal diseases such as heart disease and liver problems. A premium dry food with added dental defence will help keep your puppies teeth healthy throughout its life. Raw bones, chew toys, dental treats and toothbrushing (with special dog toothpaste) will also help to reduce plaque and tartar build up. Small, medium and large breed dogs are all at risk of dental disease and a dental will be necessary later in life if teeth are not properly maintained.

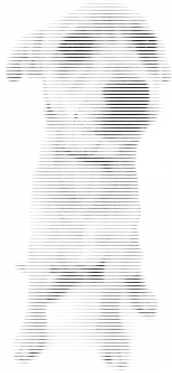


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Puppy Pre School

These fun classes are run by our nurses. Your puppy learns essential social skills by playing with other puppies and other people within the group. They also learn basic 'manners' and you can learn more about the care of your puppy. A well adjusted and well behaved pup is a pleasure to own.

Desexing

Desexing can be done anytime from 5½-6 months of age i.e. when the puppy reaches puberty.

Our staff can discuss the benefits associated with desexing as well as other queries you may have e.g. heat, pregnancy etc.

Microchipping

We perform microchipping which is a means of permanent identification for your puppy and can be done in a consult.

A microchip can not be lost, unlike a collar and tag. The puppy can also be ear tattooed to show he/she is microchipped.

Registration & Identification

Your puppy needs to be registered from 3 months of age with the local council. Council registration can be done at the clinic.

Identification is necessary, especially in the event of your puppy accidentally misplacing themselves!! If your puppy is satisfactorily identified then a speedy return to your home would be possible.

When the puppy is registered, we will provide you with a registration disc to be worn on the dog's collar, this is only an ID number. By law they need a tag that has the puppy's name, address and contact phone number which is also worn on the collar.

Bathing

Puppies can be bathed weekly from 6 weeks of age. The only condition is that you must use a good quality pet shampoo. Please never use human shampoos, soaps or any laundry or dishwashing detergents. These products do not have the same pH as a puppy's sensitive skin requires. We stock a selection of top quality shampoos and conditioners to suit any coat.

As the puppy gets older bathing should become less frequent at no more than fortnightly baths.

6 month Progress Check

When your puppy is 6 Months of age, we offer a **free** Check up. This visit includes a general wellbeing examination and an opportunity for you to discuss any health concerns you may have (or indeed any questions at all!). Please ensure to call the clinic to arrange a time when you receive your reminder letter.