

# **CANINE WELLNESS SCHEDULE**

## 1st Puppy Visit (8 weeks of age)

- Preventative health care exam
- Assess weight and body condition score
- Begin Heartworm, flea & tick prevention
- Fecal exam/deworm
- Discuss:
  - Obedience and behavior
  - Microchip
  - Housetraining
  - Crate training
  - Digital puppy folder
- Vaccinations:
  - DHPP
  - Bordetella

### 2nd Puppy Visit (12 weeks of age)

- Preventative health care exam
- Assess weight and body condition score
- Fecal/Deworm (2nd round)
- Vaccinations:
  - DHPP booster
  - Bordetella
  - Leptospirosis +/-

# 3rd Puppy Visit (16 weeks of age)

- Preventative health care exam
- Fecal/Deworm (3rd round)
- Discuss:
  - Spay/neuter (at 6 months)
  - Pre-anesthetic blood test
  - Microchip
  - Lyme vaccine
  - Influenza vaccine
- Vaccinations:
  - DHPP- final booster
  - Leptospirosis initial or final booster
  - Rabies

#### 18-20 weeks of age

- Vaccinations:
  - Influenza
  - Lyme
  - Leptospirosis final booster +/-

#### 20-22 weeks of age

- Vaccinations
  - Influenza final booster
  - Lyme final booster
- Spay or neuter

#### HOSPITAL HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 7:30 am–8 pm Saturday: 8 am–2 pm Sunday: Closed

#### Annual Visit (Ages 1 – 6)

- Preventative health care exam
- · Assess weight and body condition score
- Fecal exam/deworm
- Blood test for Heartworm disease and tick borne diseases including Lyme, Anaplasma and Ehrlichia
- Vaccinations:
- Vaccines may be given in two separate visits.
  - \* These vaccines are given dependent upon lifestyle
  - Rabies (every 3 years)
  - DHPP (every 3 years)
  - Bordatella (yearly)\*
  - Influenza (yearly)\*
  - Lyme (yearly)\*
  - Leptospirosis (yearly)\*

#### Senior Visit (Ages 7 and over)

- Biannual Preventative health care exam
- Assess weight and body condition score
- Fecal exam/deworm
- Vaccinations:
  - Vaccines may be given in two separate visits.
  - \* These vaccines are given dependent upon lifestyle
  - Rabies (every 3 years)
  - DHPP (every 3 years until the age of 10)
  - Bordetella (yearly)\*
  - Influenza (yearly)\*
  - Lyme (yearly)\*
  - Leptospirosis (yearly)\*
- Preventative diagnostics:
  - CBC/chemistry screen
  - Thyroid check
  - Urinalysis
  - Blood pressure

This is a wellness schedule. Please be aware that if your dog becomes ill, additional diagnostics may be necessary. This schedule will also be modified dependent upon your dog's lifestyle

#### Discussion topics for every visit:

- Heartworm disease
- Flea/tick prevention
- Dental health
- Obedience and Socialization
- Behavior
- Pet health insurance
- Nutrition

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# **CANINE HEALTH INFORMATION**

### Rabies

Rabies is a fatal disease that can be transmitted to humans as well as other mammals. It is required by law that all pets receive the vaccine.

#### DHPP

This is a vaccine that protects against four canine viruses: Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza and Parvovirus. These diseases are highly contagious and can pass easily to an unvaccinated dog. All dogs and puppies are susceptible to these viruses and should be vaccinated.

# Bordetella

Bordetella Bronchiseptica is a bacteria that causes upper respiratory disease in dogs. This bacteria is highly contagious and easily transmitted from dog to dog. The symptoms can be mild to severe. It is recommended that all puppies be vaccinated against this disease. Adult dogs re vaccinated depending on their expected exposure.

### Influenza

The canine influenza virus is also a cause of upper respiratory disease and is typically more serious than Bordetella. It is easily transmitted in the air or through contaminated surfaces. This vaccine is lifestyle dependent and your veterinarian will determine if it is recommended for your dog.

### Leptospirosis

Leptospirosis is an infectious bacterium that is passed to dogs through the infected urine of wildlife. This disease can cause kidney and liver failure and can be transmitted to humans. It is recommended that all dogs be vaccinated to prevent this disease.

# Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium Borrelia burgdorferi. It is transmitted to dogs from a tick bite.

This area of the country has a high prevalence of Lyme disease which can result in an acute lameness, fever and lethargy and less commonly, kidney failure. The vaccine is safe and effective.

### Heartworm disease

Heartworms are transmitted to the dog by the mosquito. It is a serious disease, that affects the heart and lungs. Fortunately there are several products available to protect against heartworm disease. Available products will be discussed at your office visit.

# Deworming

It is recommended by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that all dogs be dewormed 4 times a year to protect against human exposure. We will routinely give a deworming medication 1, 2, or 4 times a year depending on your dog's lifestyle, and the other medications that you may already be using on your pet.

# Fleas and Ticks

Fleas and ticks are common in our area, especially those that carry Lyme disease. These external parasites are not only a nuisance to humans but also are carriers of disease. It is important to use a monthly preventative. Available products will be discussed at your office visit



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