



## Puppy Wellness Plan

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<p><b>Examination</b></p>	<p>Puppies are examined and vaccinated 3 times starting at the age of 6 weeks. For adult dogs we recommend one or two detailed examinations per year to ensure that your pet is healthy. On average pets age 7 times faster than people. Examinations provide an opportunity to detect and prevent potential health problems as early as possible.</p>	<p><b>Spay / Neuter</b></p>	<p>It is very important to spay and neuter your pets. Not only is it the responsible thing to do, but it also has many health advantages. Spaying your female, or neutering your male pet can prevent many cancers and diseases associated with the reproductive system in later years.</p>
<p><b>Heartworm Test</b></p>	<p>A yearly Heartworm Test is recommended for dogs. Heartworms are transmitted by infected mosquitoes. The worms mature inside the heart. Left untreated, heartworm disease can result in multi-organ failure and death. Unprotected dogs can be tested at 6 months.</p>	<p><b>Rabies Vaccination</b></p>	<p>State law requires rabies vaccination by 16 weeks. Dogs are first vaccinated as early as 12 weeks. A 1-year booster is required, followed by vaccination ever 3 years. Rabies is a fatal viral disease that can be transmitted to humans.</p>
<p><b>Intestinal Parasite Test</b></p>	<p>Fecal Flotation Test can detect the presence of intestinal parasites (intestinal worms and protozoa). Dogs should be tested yearly. Intestinal parasites can be transmitted to humans</p>	<p><b>Monthly Heartworm Preventive</b></p>	<p>To prevent infestation with heartworms, a supply of once-a-month Heartworm Preventive tablets are prescribed. They protect against heartworms and also against other intestinal parasites.</p>
<p><b>Deworming Treatment</b></p>	<p>Deworming for Roundworms and Hookworms which can be transmitted to humans. Puppies are dewormed at every puppy-visit, starting at 6 weeks old.</p>	<p><b>Monthly Flea Control</b></p>	<p>The monthly prescription flea products, Frontline® and Advantage®, offer safe, easy and highly effective flea control. Frontline® will also protect your dog against Ticks</p>
<p><b>“Distemper” Vaccination (DA<sub>2</sub>PP)</b></p>	<p>Vaccination that protects against several serious diseases, including Parvo-virus and Distemper. Puppies are first vaccinated at 6 weeks and boosted every 3 weeks until 12 weeks of age; then yearly.</p>	<p><b>Leptospirosis Vaccination</b></p>	<p>Leptospirosis is a serious disease that damages the kidneys and other vital organs. Leptospirosis originates from urine and fecal material from local wildlife in your backyard and can be transmitted to humans. First vaccination at 12 weeks, boosted once after 3 weeks, then yearly.</p>
<p><b>Bordetella / ITB Vaccination</b></p>	<p>Yearly Vaccination that protects against Infectious Tracheo-bronchitis, commonly known as Kennel Cough. ITB is highly contagious and causes a severe non-productive cough. First vaccine at 9 weeks old, then boosted yearly. (May be boosted every 6 months)</p>	<p><b>Additional Information</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/">http://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/</a> <a href="http://www.healthypet.com/">http://www.healthypet.com/</a> <a href="http://www.avma.org/animal_health/">http://www.avma.org/animal_health/</a></p>