

*Congratulations on your
new puppy!*

*Here is the health care
schedule*

we recommend for puppies:



6 Weeks:

- **Physical examination**
- **DA2PP core vaccine** (Distemper, Adenovirus, Parainfluenza, Parvovirus)
- **Bordatella vaccine (kennel cough)** for puppies at risk i.e. going to the groomers, boarding facilities, doggie parks, doggie daycare, puppy obedience classes
- **Deworming medication**, to be repeated in 10-14 days to especially deworm for intestinal parasites that can be transmitted to people
- Discuss nutrition, discuss bloat in large breed dogs
- Discuss dental care and handling of feet, ears, and mouth
- **Receive free puppy care kit**
- Discuss flea and tick prevention – Advantage and K9 Advantix (can be started at 7 weeks of age and given monthly during flea and tick season)
- Discuss intestinal parasite control and heartworm disease control with Sentinel or Interceptor which can be started at 4 weeks of age and given monthly and controls intestinal parasites.

- **Fecal examination** to check for intestinal parasites, some of which can be transmitted to people

9 Weeks:

- **Physical examination**
- **DA2PP core vaccine**
- **Bordatella vaccine** if not already given, for puppies at risk
- **Lyme vaccine** for dogs at risk i.e. dogs spending time in wooded or grassy areas, dogs outdoors during peak tick season, or dogs living in or visiting Lyme-endemic areas of the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, or upper Midwest
- **Fecal examination** to check for intestinal parasites, some of which can be transmitted to people
- **Deworming** if not already done, to be repeated in 10-14 days
- **Continue flea and/or tick prevention**
- **Continue interceptor or sentinel** for intestinal parasite and heartworm disease control
- Investigate puppy preschool and puppy obedience classes

12 Weeks:

- **Physical examination**
- **DA2PP core vaccine**
- **Bordatella vaccine** if not already given, for puppies at risk
- **Lyme booster vaccine** for puppies at risk
- **Fecal examination** to check for intestinal parasites
- **Deworming** if not already done, to be repeated in 10-14 days
- **Continue flea/tick prevention**
- **Continue interceptor or sentinel** for intestinal parasite and heartworm disease control



14 Weeks:

- **Rabies core vaccine** – we prefer to not give too many vaccines at one time which is why we do the rabies vaccine at 14 weeks with a technician. However, it can be given at the 12 week visit.

16 Weeks:

- **Physical examination**
- **Last DA2PP core vaccine**
- **Leptospirosis 4SV vaccine** for dogs at risk i.e. dogs that play outdoors where exposure to wildlife is possible; dogs that drink from ponds or puddles; dogs that go for walks, hikes, camping, picnicking, hunting or fishing; dogs exposed to deer, skunks, opossums, raccoons, or squirrels. Leptospirosis is the #1 cause of acute kidney failure in dogs and can be transmitted to people.
- **Fecal examination** to make sure your puppy is adequately dewormed
- **Continue flea/tick prevention**
- **Continue interceptor or sentinel** for intestinal parasite and heartworm disease control
- Set up spay or neuter appointment
- Start training puppies to the invisible fence now if appropriate
- Set up physical exams for first year (1 or 2 depending on # of vaccines)

18-20 Weeks

- **Booster Leptospirosis 4SV vaccine** for dogs at risk

Spay or neuter at 6 months or at the age recommended by your veterinarian