



East Suburban Animal Hospital

Recommended Well Patient Plan

Dog

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Congratulations on your new pet. Hopefully, your pet will have good health and provide you many years of companionship. We hope to be able to help you provide the best care and health possible to your new companion. The following are our guidelines to increase the chances you will have a healthy pet.

- The first visit should be as soon after you obtain the pet as possible.
- Bring information about previous health care, medications, diet, fecal tests, vaccinations [type and dates], previous owners or facility, environment, geographical areas they have been in and where you might take them. Also, bring questions you may have about your pet.
- Bring a stool specimen for examination for internal parasites.
- If a dog is older than 6 months, it should have a heartworm/tick disease test. After that, they should have yearly tests.
- All pets should have yearly examinations and twice yearly fecal examinations.
- The Center for Disease Control [CDC] and the Companion Animal Parasite Council [CAPC] recommend monthly internal parasite control for all pets whether indoors or outdoors. This is to protect humans as well as pets. Indoor pets can get parasites from rodents, insects, mosquitos and fleas. You can find more information here:
<https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/animals.html>
<https://www.capcvet.org/guidelines/>
- There are many flea, tick, and heartworm/intestinal preventative medications. Discuss the best plan for your pet with the assistant and veterinarian.
- Nutrition should be discussed with the veterinarian or assistant. Diet and exercise are key to a long, healthy life.
 - For more information on Pet foods, go to our Facebook page and click on Notes.

Vaccination protocol for dogs

At each vaccination visit a Veterinarian will examine your new puppy. An exam is required before vaccination. We require this, because puppies grow very quickly and new problems can arise during the growth process.

- Ideally the first vaccination should be given by 8 weeks, but can be given between 6-10 weeks- distemper, adenovirus, parvovirus, parainfluenza vaccination [dapp]
- 10-14 weeks- distemper, adenovirus, parvovirus, parainfluenza, leptospirosis vaccination [dappl]
- 12 weeks or later- rabies vaccination
- 14 weeks or older- distemper, adenovirus, parvovirus, parainfluenza, leptospirosis vaccination [dappl]
- 1 year after last dappl vaccination repeat, then every 3 years. The leptospirosis should be given yearly.
- 1 year after first rabies vaccination, repeat, and then give every 3 years.
- We do not recommend Bordatella vaccinations for all dogs. If you are going to take them to a kennel or anywhere else that there are a lot of dogs, discuss this with the veterinarian. They are best given 2-4 weeks before the exposure.
- We do offer Lyme vaccinations, discuss with your Veterinarian if it is recommended for your dog.

1st Vaccinations Given: _____ Date Given: _____

2nd Vaccinations Due: _____ Due Date: _____

3rd Vaccinations Due: _____ Due Date: _____

4th Vaccinations Due: _____ Due Date: _____

Heartworm/Intestinal Parasite Recommendation: _____

Flea/Tick Recommendation: _____

Other Procedures

Neutering can be done at any age after 6 weeks, however, we recommend:

- Female dogs should be spayed at about 6 months of age. This is when the deciduous teeth should have all come out. If they have not, it is a good time to remove them so they do not have to have another anesthesia. Male and dogs should be neutered at the same age.
- Dogs that are spayed after their second heat cycle are over 200 times more likely to get breast tumors.
- The age at castration changes the body shape of male dogs and cats. Waiting longer allows them to get the male look, but, they may have undesirable behavior changes such as fighting, roaming and urinary marking. Neutering them after the bad behavior starts will still usually stop the behaviors.
- Male dogs get male related problems but they usually occur after 5 years of age. Discuss what you want with the doctor.
- Dental disease is common. Preventive care should be started when you get the pet. Discuss what you should/can do with the veterinarian or assistant.

Internet Information

The internet can be a source of good or bad information. We trust the following website for reliable information:

<http://www.veterinarypartner.com/>

Please check with us before you accept web information. We will be happy to share our opinion with you regarding information you collect.

Before you administer **ANY** over the counter medications, please check with us first. Some human medications can be very harmful to pets.

Online Pharmacies

It's important to know that not all online Pet Pharmacies are the same. If you find a drug that has a price which is dramatically lower than other sources, it may not be a reputable pharmacy. Some of these pharmacies operate without a pharmacy license and its drugs may not be from a legal source. Any guarantee by the manufacturer would be voided. Medications purchased from us or on our online store are typically guaranteed by the manufacturer and we can help you with any problems or questions associated.

When shopping online, look for the Veterinary-Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites Accreditation (Vet-VIPPS) Logo. If the pharmacy doesn't contain that logo, it may not be a trustworthy pharmacy.

A link to our Online Pharmacy can be found on our website: www.EastSuburbanAnimalHospital.com



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