

New Puppy Vaccination Schedule

Recommended Vaccination Schedule

- **6-9 weeks of age DHPP-C is given**
- **9-13 weeks of age DHLPP-C is given**
- **12-16 weeks of age DHLPP-C and Rabies are given**
- **16+ weeks of age last DHLPP-C is given**

See enclosed health record for a description of the above diseases that we are vaccinating your puppy against.

HEARTWORM DISEASE is transmitted to dogs by mosquitoes. Adult heartworms live in the dog's heart and can interfere with the heart's ability to pump blood to the rest of the body. If left untreated the disease can be fatal.

Your dog can easily be protected against this infection. A simple blood test can be performed on dogs over 6 months of age. Puppies that are 6 weeks to 6 months of age are placed on prevention and tested the following spring. The prevention is given monthly, May 15th through Nov. 15th. If we have a warm fall, one more pill may be required on Dec. 15th. If going to a warm climate for the winter, year-round prevention will be needed.

INTESTINAL PARASITES: These include roundworm, hookworm, whipworm and tapeworm. Dogs infected may not show symptoms, nor are all parasites visible in the feces even though they may be present. A fresh fecal sample can be tested microscopically. If evidence of parasites is found, proper dewormers can eliminate them. At your first visit a roundworm dewormer may be given as most puppies have this parasite.

FLEAS: These small, wingless, bloodsucking insects thrive in warm, humid environments and pose a common health problem for dogs and other pets.

To check your dog for fleas, roll him on his back. Take a close look at the belly and around the base of the tail. Fleas are small, black, and fast moving. You may see flea "dirt" as well (small black pepper-like specks). During the warm months and all year long in warm climates, examine your dog frequently for fleas. If you notice fleas on your dog, there are many new flea products available that are easy to use

SURGERIES: Spaying female dogs can be done as early as 4 months of age, provided they have been well vaccinated. This is recommended for pets that are not going to be used for breeding. It greatly reduces the risks of mammary cancer, unwanted litters, false pregnancies, and uterine infections. To decrease surgical risks, your dog should not be in heat or pregnant. Male dogs can be also castrated as early as 4 months of age, provided they have been well vaccinated. This helps reduce the risk of testicular and prostate cancer, roaming and aggression.

LICENSES: All dogs MUST be licensed by 4 months of age. This is the state law in Michigan. Rabies vaccination can be given any time after 12 weeks of age.

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Emergency First Aid items to keep handy:

- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Neosporin
- Aspirin
- Wrapping/bandage material
- Sterile eye wash
- Thermometer for rectal use
- Kaopectate / Pepto-Bismol
- Benadryl

ALWAYS call before using these products for proper instructions.

Have fun with your new puppy and call us if you have any questions or concerns.