



## Important Info You Should Know About Your

# **New Puppy!**

Congratulations on your new puppy! We are here to help you care for your new family member, so please feel free to email or call with any questions!

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### **Routine Vaccinations**

Given every three weeks until your puppy is 16-20 weeks of age, start dates vary with each vaccine.

#### Bordetella

This is a contagious upper respiratory bacterial infection known commonly as kennel cough. This is important if your dog is in contact with other dogs in places like classes, grooming salons, kennels, parks, etc. Bordetella can be given intranasally or by injection, once, as a puppy (age will vary) then recommended again at their first annual visit (16 months if on routine schedule), then once a year. This can be given every 6 months, depending on the risk and requirements of a kennel facility or grooming salon.

#### Rabies

Rabies is required by law and is a disease spread by bites of infected animals. This is given once as a puppy, then a year later, then every 3 years depending on city and county ordinances. *Rabies is a FATAL zoonotic disease and can be transmitted from animals to humans!* 

#### **DHLPP Combo**

DHLPP is given every 3 weeks, starting as early as 6 weeks. Leptospirosis is added at the final two visits, then again at your pet's first annual visit (16 months if on routine schedule), then every 3 years with a Leptospirosis booster yearly.

#### The vaccine contains

- Distemper: a potentially fatal disease that causes severe vomiting and diarrhea
- Hepatitis: a viral disease that causes serious, often fatal liver damage
- Parainfluenza: is a contagious upper respiratory infection
- Parvovirus: is a contagious, often fatal disease that causes vomiting and bloody diarrhea
- Leptospirosis: is a bacterial disease that attacks the kidneys and liver. Two vaccinations are included in the combo starting at the last two puppy visits, followed by a booster at their first annual visit (16 months if on routine schedule), then once a year. Leptospirosis is a zoonotic disease and can be transmitted from animals to humans!

### **Non-Core Vaccinations**

**Lyme & Influenza** vaccinations are not currently on the recommendation list and will only be given at client request. For further recommendations ask your veterinarian.

If you travel outside of Nebraska with your dog, be aware there are different disease risks. Discussing with our team to determine what precautions should be taken is recommended.

### **Parasite Prevention**

All dogs should be on a flea and tick preventative year-round. They should also receive monthly heartworm preventatives throughout the year. Most heartworm preventatives also prevent and treat some common intestinal parasites. At your puppy's first annual visit (about 16 months of age), we will perform a blood test for heartworm disease and tick-borne diseases, along with a stool sample check for intestinal parasites. This is recommended annually thereafter.

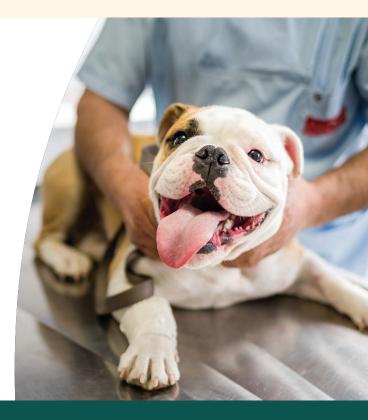
### **Spay or Neuter**

These two surgical procedures are performed at our office. Breed and gender are taken into consideration when determining the recommended age of your puppy for spay or neutering. Please speak with your veterinarian to determine what is best for your pet.

Bloodwork is done prior to your puppy's surgical procedure. Your pet will need to be dropped off the morning of the scheduled surgery date. Routinely, your pet will then go home in the afternoon of surgery. We always recommend 2 weeks of restricted activity after surgery.

### Microchipping

Millions of pets go missing every year. Only 22% ever come home. Most are adopted by other families or worse, euthanized. Microchipping is a permanent identification for your pet that can be placed any time. We recommend having it placed at time of spay or neuter.



### **Complete Pet Care**

Omaha Vets Group is a network of local clinics that together provide you the best possible medicine and service.

