



PUPPY VISITS

Your Puppy's First Visit:

1. We will ask a **History** of your pup such as: where did he/she come from? Any previous vaccinations or dewormings? Written proof of such is very helpful for an accurate record.
2. We will then provide vaccination recommendations based on your pup's age, weight, lifestyle, and history.
3. We also discuss and provide information on **possible vaccine reactions** to watch for once you leave our office. Most reactions are mild and quickly self limiting. More serious ones are very rare but may be life threatening if not dealt with in a timely manner.
4. We will recommend checking a fecal sample as many pups do have **internal parasites**, some of which may affect humans and other pets. If parasites are left untreated, your pet may become very sick.
5. We will recommend an appropriate **Dewormer** strategy. We believe in routine year-round deworming for protection of your pet(s) and your family. (See CAPC pamphlets in office.)
6. We will recommend year round external parasite prevention, i.e. **Fleas and Ticks**. (Ask us for what products we carry). We will also go over yearly blood screening for tick borne diseases such as **Lyme**, which is endemic in our area.
7. **Heartworm** is a growing problem and is known to be in upstate NY. We will recommend year-round monthly prophylaxis and will go over yearly screening of it.
8. Additional topics that may be covered in the first visit, but may wait until the second visit, include **home ear care, home dental care, house training tips, and food management**. We have toothpaste samples, measuring cups, and ear flush to get you started.

Follow-Up Visits:

1. Once your pup is 12 weeks old, we will recommend a **Rabies** vaccine and be sure **Distemper, Leptospirosis, and Lyme** protection have also been started. We will booster previous vaccines as appropriate. **Non-core vaccines such as **Bordetella** and **Canine Influenza** are given on a case-by-case basis.*
 2. Most boosters will need to be done 2-4 weeks apart and we will do our best to minimize the number of Follow-up visits needed.
 3. If your pet is a small breed, we may recommend spreading out vaccines for their safety.
 4. Distemper vaccine boosters need to be carried out until your pet is about 16 weeks of age for full protection. This is recommended due to the concept of Maternal Antibody.
 5. We may offer future **LVT (Licensed Veterinary Technician) Booster Visits** as appropriate.
 6. We do offer **Microchipping** during puppy visits or at time of spay/neuter. Please ask if you are interested.
 7. We will discuss **Spaying/Neutering and Pre-Operative bloodwork**. As your pup nears the appropriate age, we can create a **surgery cost estimate** tailored to their needs and have it mailed to you.
 8. If your pup was found to carry an intestinal parasite during a previous visit, we will suggest re-checking a fecal to be sure it has been cleared.
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