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Puppy & Kitten Information **Puppy and Kitten Vaccinations**

Puppies:

6, 9, 12, 16 weeks of age receive Dappv (DP) vaccine
12 weeks of age receive Rabies (1 year) vaccine

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- 🐕 If 6-8 wks = 1st puppy DP
- 🐕 If 9-11 wks = 2nd puppy DP
- 🐕 If 12 weeks or older = 1st adult DP
- 🐕 If 16 wks or older, and has had an adult DP = 2nd adult DP

Kittens:

(6), 8-9, 12, 16 weeks of age receive Fd/Felv vaccine
12 weeks of age receive Rabies (1 year) vaccine

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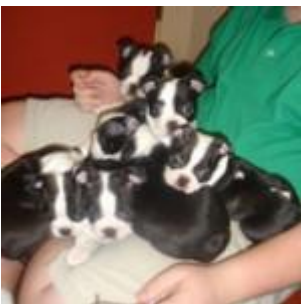
- 🐈 If 6-7 weeks = kitten FD/Felv, and will need a second kitten in 3 wks
- 🐈 If 8-11 weeks = kitten Fd/Felv, next visit at 12 wks
- 🐈 If 12 wks or older = 1 st adult Fd/felv
- 🐈 If 16 wks or older, and has had an adult fd/felv = 2 nd adult fd/felv

- Pet must be at least 6 weeks of age for vaccine to do any good; before this, the immune system is not developed enough to respond.
- Pet must be at least (exactly!) 12 weeks of age for rabies vax, or the state health dept will not consider the pet vaccinated!

Pets should not receive either Dp or Fd/felv when pregnant (or suspected pregnant). Killed Rabies vaccine is ok. After the initial series of vaccinations is complete, yearly boosters of the Distemper combination vaccine are strongly recommended up to 5 years of age, then every 3 years. The Rabies vaccine is repeated 1 year after initial vaccination, and then it is boosted every 3 years by law. The vaccine against Lyme Disease is recommended for dogs that are in areas prevalent for ticks especially in wooded areas. The Bordetella vaccine, against Kennel Cough, a communicable respiratory disease, is required for dogs that are boarded or are in contact with other dogs.

See our flea fact sheet for ideas on flea control. We can assist you on developing a flea program that works for you. Stool should be checked under a microscope yearly for signs of bowel parasites. Heartworm is a parasitic worm in the heart that is spread by mosquitoes. Puppies can be tested from 4 months of age or older. They can stay on preventative medicine all year long or be tested annually. Cats can get heartworm, but not as common as dogs.

We strongly recommend that all cats and dogs kept as pets be spayed or neutered between 4-6 months of age. Begin brushing teeth early! Brushing twice a week at the very least. Once a day is best. Have your cats teeth checked for tartar and plaque. When build up occurs have the teeth professionally cleaned. Routine brushing and clipping help keep the skin and fur healthy. Nails should be kept short. Bathe cats regularly with shampoos for cats/dogs. Swipe the inside of ears with a baby wipe to keep clean. Feed kitten/puppy food until ten months of age. Kittens and puppies can be fed 2-3 times daily. Follow the instructions for the amount on the bag of food based on weight and give the low-end amount.



Keep you and your cat safe when traveling by having a quality pet carrier, even for short trips.

As your pet ages, it is important to have them come in for a checkup every year and schedule diagnostic blood work and dental cleaning to keep your pet happy and healthy. Yearly checkups are very helpful in tracking the progression of your animal's health. As your pet ages, diagnostic blood work and x-rays can aid in keeping your pet healthy.