



## Recommended Health Program For Your Puppy

---

At Pets and Vets as Partners we recommend starting the vaccination program at 6-8 weeks of age and continuing until 17-19 weeks.

### 6-8 weeks old

Complete Physical Exam	<b>\$42.00</b>
First Vaccination: distemper-adenovirus-parvovirus- parainfluenza	<b>\$15.49</b>
Coronavirus First Vaccine	<b>\$9.98</b>
Fecal Analysis	<b>\$23.46</b>
Deworming	<b>price depends on wt. of animal</b>
Heartgard Plus (heartworm prevention chewable tablets)	<b>\$5.81/month (up to 25 lbs.)</b>

### 9-11 weeks old (three weeks after first visit)

Physical Exam - Brief	<b>\$32.00</b>
Second vaccine: distemper-adenovirus-parvovirus-parainfluenza	<b>\$19.60</b>
Deworming	<b>price depends on wt. of animal</b>
Bordetella Bronchiseptica (kennel cough; optional)	<b>\$24.34</b>

-Required for boarding, hospitalization, grooming, puppy classes

### 13-15 weeks old (four weeks after second visit)

Physical Exam - Brief	<b>\$32.00</b>
3rd vaccine: distemper-adenovirus-parvovirus-parainfluenza, Lepto	<b>\$32.05</b>
First Lyme Vaccination (optional, disease transmitted by deer ticks)	<b>\$27.29</b>

### 17-19 weeks old (four weeks after third visit)

Physical Exam - Brief	<b>\$32.00</b>
Annual Booster: distemper-adenovirus-parvovirus-parainfluenza, Lepto	<b>\$36.48</b>
Booster: Lyme Vaccine	<b>\$27.29</b>
Rabies Vaccination	(1 year) <b>\$24.36</b>

***After the recommended vaccination program is complete, your puppy will only need booster vaccines once yearly. We advise that a fecal analysis be done twice a year to check for internal parasites.***

**Obedience Classes, Boarding and Grooming:** If you are interested in enrolling in obedience classes with your puppy, whether here at PetMedSpa or elsewhere, the “kennel cough” or Bordetella vaccine is required before attending. Bordetella is also required if you choose to board your animal here with us or at a local kennel. A Bordetella vaccine is required for the time that your puppy is hospitalized with us for their spay/neuter surgery. Also, for those who visit the pet store with their puppy or who choose to take the puppy for grooming, the Bordetella vaccine is highly recommended to protect your dog from kennel cough.

**Heartworm Testing:** We recommend that heartworm tests begin once your puppy has reached one year of age, with the first annual visit. The test should be repeated yearly (easy to do during annual vaccinations) even if the dog has been on preventative medication. The test takes only a few drops of blood and because we perform the lab work here, the results are available within 10 minutes.

Preventative heartworm medication should be started as soon as a heartworm test is performed on dogs that are at least six months of age. Puppies may start heartworm prevention medication as early as 6 weeks of age. For heartworm prevention we carry products called Heartgard Plus and Iverhart. We strongly recommend keeping your dog on heartworm prevention year round. Moreover, the Merial Company guarantees their Heartgard preventatives, provided that a heartworm test is performed each year and the Heartgard tablets are used year-round. Aside from Heartgard's benefits against heartworm infections, it serves to take care of many other common intestinal parasites in dogs. We also carry a product called Advantage Multi that not only protects dogs against heartworm infection, but also against flea infestations and some intestinal parasites. The cost of the different products varies with the size of your pet.

**Fleas and Ticks:** There are several products on the market used to control the population of fleas on your pet and/or prevent infestation.

We carry a product called Vectra 3D that comes as a topical suspension applied between the animal's shoulder blades once monthly. Vectra 3D works even after bathing your pet or playing in the rain. Protection against ticks also remains effective for 1 month after application. Vectra 3D is safe for use in puppies 8 weeks or older. In addition to the Vectra 3D, we also carry a product called Frontline Plus, also applied monthly. The Frontline Plus is also a topical suspension used to treat and protect against fleas and ticks.

**Deworming:** To reduce the risk to both pets and people of parasitic infections we recommend strategic deworming. Strategic deworming consists of treating your pet for removal of parasitic worms at regular intervals that are specifically designed to prevent parasitic diseases and the shedding of parasite eggs in both your yard and home. Strategic deworming serves to prevent the development of infections in your pet by treating before parasite damage actually occurs. This is especially important in young puppies who almost always get parasites from their mothers. We will deworm your puppy at least two times during the recommended health program that we follow. It is important to note that owners are able to contract parasitic infections from their pets, which serves as one of the major reasons to strategically deworm your pet. Most commonly people contract zoonotic parasites by accidentally ingesting parasite eggs contaminating the environment. Handling feces without washing hands properly, playing in sandboxes or soil contaminated with animal feces and even being in close contact with infected animals are some of the ways in which people may contract parasites. Those most susceptible to parasitic infections include children and the elderly as well as anyone who may have a compromised immune system, those who have lots of close contact with animals (especially puppy and kitten owners) and definitely those who might be careless about sanitation or personal hygiene. Because it isn't possible to keep your pet from being exposed to parasites completely, we recommend you talk to our veterinarians and establish a schedule for strategic deworming that best fits your pet and lifestyle. Prices for deworming vary with the type of dewormer used and the weight of your dog.

**Surgeries:** Spay or neuter surgeries are recommended between 4-6 months of age. All surgeries are done under the safest anesthesia available and monitored from beginning to end by a Registered Veterinary Technician. It is highly recommended that you elect to get pre-anesthetic blood work performed the day of or a few days prior to your puppy's procedure. Blood work tests for the proper function of organs such as the kidneys and liver and assists the doctor in determining the safest anesthesia possible for your puppy. Not only does blood work help to check for health problems that your puppy may have been born with but it also may be used as a baseline for comparison if your puppy has any health problems in the future. The doctor will perform a pre-surgical exam before your pet's procedure to insure that your pet is in good health. Note that the cost of surgery includes the pre-surgical exam, pre-anesthetic medications, gas anesthesia during the procedure, surgery, and pre and post-op care. The cost of blood work is in addition to the cost of the surgery. Also, while your puppy is anesthetized we will do complimentary nail clippings and ear cleanings.

Owners are welcome to observe surgery and see how our surgery setting is similar to human hospitals. If you prefer not to watch your own pet have surgery, you are welcome to come see one at another time. Please ask our staff for appropriate times to observe surgical procedures.

**Dental Care:** Dental care should be provided to your puppy as early as possible. Feeding only a dry diet is recommended and brushing teeth regularly will help to prevent plaque and tartar buildup, which leads to unpleasant bad breath and gingivitis. A dog may need a dental cleaning by the age of 2 to 3 years depending on the amount of preventative dental care they received at home. A dental cleaning is done under general anesthesia similar to our surgical procedures. Regular brushing may postpone the age at which your pet may need a dental.

We recommend that you begin training your puppy to tolerate teeth brushings on a regular basis. We offer several over the counter products to assist in proper preventative dental care for your pet.

**Other Services:** Our clinic also offers boarding accommodations for your pets when needed. Our caring team makes your pet feel right at home. Dogs are leash walked outside in our large, fenced-in backyard 3 to 4 times daily.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you and your puppy. If you have any other questions about the care and veterinary services your puppy will need, do not hesitate to ask any of our helpful staff members!

**Enjoy your new puppy!**

Pets and Vets as Partners Staff