



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW PUPPY

HEALTHCARE SCHEDULE

6-8 weeks: Your puppy will have their first physical exam, 1st DAPP vaccine, a stool check, and will receive their first monthly Heartworm and Flea/Tick prevention dose. Appointment Scheduled: ____.

9-11 weeks: Your puppy will have a progress exam, 2nd DAPP vaccine, the Bordatella vaccine if warranted and will receive a monthly Heartworm and Flea/Tick prevention dose. Appointment Scheduled: ____.

12-15 weeks: Your puppy will have a progress exam, 3rd DAPP vaccine (with leptospirosis if warranted), first Lyme and Influenza vaccine if warranted, and monthly Heartworm and Flea/Tick prevention dose. Appointment Scheduled: ____.

16-20 weeks: Your puppy will have their last progress exam, 4th DAPP vaccine (with leptospirosis if warranted), second Lyme and Influenza vaccine if warranted, Rabies vaccine and a month or more of Heartworm and Flea/Tick prevention dose. We will also discuss and set up your puppy's spay or neuter! Surgery Scheduled: ____.

SPAY/NEUTER

Family Friend's recommends spaying or neutering your pet after 6 months of age, though we will discuss additional recommendations based on pet's size and breed.

- Female dogs typically have their first heat cycle between 6 and 9 months of age. Spaying a female dog will help prevent mammary cancer, pyometra (a life threatening uterine infection), and unwanted pregnancies.
- While male dogs do not have heat cycles, neutering a male dog will help prevent prostate and testicular diseases, as well as reducing hormone related behaviors.

MICROCHIP

Microchipping is a simple procedure that can be done while your pet is awake or sedated. A great time to have your puppy microchipped is on the day they are spayed or neutered. The chip is about the size of a grain of rice and is placed beneath the skin with a needle (similar to a vaccination). Each chip has a unique ID that is read by a microchip scanner. If your puppy is ever lost and brought to an animal shelter or veterinary hospital they will be scanned for a microchip and its unique ID will allow retrieval of your contact information.

PARASITES AND HEARTWORM

Intestinal Parasite – We recommend annual fecal samples and year round monthly parasite control. To keep your puppy and family safe, be sure to clean up animal waste and dispose of it properly.

Fleas – We recommend year round monthly prevention. Although fleas are mostly a problem during summer months, we can see infestations during the winter. It is much easier to prevent a flea infestation than to treat one.

Ticks – We recommend year round monthly prevention. Though ticks can freeze in the winter any time the ground thaws they become active again and there is potential for attachment. Our annual heartworm blood test checks for the 3 most common tick borne diseases – Lyme, Anaplasmosis, and Ehrlichiosis.

Family Friends offers many different forms of heartworm, intestinal parasite, flea, and tick prevention. Please feel free to ask us for recommendations that will best fit you and your puppy's lifestyle.

PET INSURANCE

The best time to get Pet Insurance is as a puppy. Once your pet gets older, pre-existing conditions may limit what insurance will cover. Ask us what Pet Insurance options there are.

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SCHEDULE ONLINE NOW

General Practice Hours

- Monday- Thursday 7:00am – 6:00pm
- Friday 7:00am – 5:00pm
- Saturday 7:30am – 2:00pm

Urgent Care Hours

- Monday- Saturday 2:00pm – 10:00pm
- Sunday 10:00am – 6:00pm

Pharmacy

- Monday-Friday 8:00am- 5:00pm