Canine Care Plan for Life

Please be aware that this is a guideline and if your pet becomes sick it may be necessary to postpone vaccines or to do additional diagnostic testing.

8 Weeks
Comprehensive Physical Exam
Weight and Body conditioning score
Discuss: Obedience Training
Diet and Nutrition
Behavior
Housebreaking
Appropriate Toys
Parasite Management
Grooming
First DAPP Vaccine
Internal Parasite Screen

Begin Preventive Medications: Flea/Tick medication, Heartworm medication (also used to help prevent internal parasites) are weight specific so for first few visits, pets will get 1 dose per visit.

12 Weeks
Comprehensive Physical Exam
Weight and Body conditioning score
Rabies Vaccine
Second DAPP Vaccine
Flea/Tick Control
Heartworm Prevention

16 Weeks
Comprehensive Physical Exam
Weight and Body conditioning score
Nutritional Assessment
Third DAPP Vaccine
First Lyme Vaccine
Flea/Tick Control
Heartworm Prevention

18 Weeks
Second Lyme vaccine

4-6 Months
PRESURGICAL Blood
Spay or Neuter
Dental Exam prior to surgery
(Any retained deciduous (baby) teeth may need to be removed)
Third Lyme Vaccine
Flea/Tick Control

Annual examinations or semi annual examinations for your older pets are important for your pets health even if your pet may not be due for any vaccinations. We can use these examinations to track weight and overall health. Things you may not notice like weight loss over a period of time can be addressed. When doing early detection bloodwork we can find issues before they become life threatening. Pets only begin to show us they aren’t feeling well once most diseases have progressed to a critical stage. Early testing is a good way to find problems and solutions sooner.

Most patients over the age of 3 years have some form of dental disease. We strongly recommend getting started early with brushing and oral care to get things started right and then yearly dentistry to prevent periodontal disease as they get older.

Researching your breed is a great way to get an idea of what kind of grooming your pet may need. Some breeds need to be groomed every 6-8 weeks so be aware and start early. If this isn’t something you want, you can choose a breed that requires less frequent grooming.

1-4 Years (once a year visit)
Comprehensive Physical Exam
Weight and Body conditioning score
Nutritional Assessment
Bloodwork - Junior Early Detection Profile (Selective Chemistry, CBC)
Rabies Vaccine
DAPP Vaccine (Vaccines every 3 years alternating)
Lyme Vaccine
Optional Vaccines if Done
Internal Parasite Screen
Heartworm/Tick Disease Screen
Heartworm/Flea and Tick Medications
Dental Scaling and Polishing

5-8 Years (at least twice a year visits)
Semi Annual Physical Exam
Weight and Body conditioning score
Nutritional Assessment
Bloodwork - Standard Early Detection Profile (Chemistry, CBC, Urinalysis)
Rabies Vaccine
DAPP Vaccine (Vaccines every 3 years alternating)
Lyme Vaccine
Optional Vaccines if Done
Internal Parasite Screen
Heartworm/Tick Disease Screen
Heartworm/Flea and Tick Medications
Dental Scaling and Polishing

8+ Years (at least twice a year visits)
Semi Annual Physical Exam
Weight and Body conditioning score
Nutritional Assessment
Bloodwork - Senior Early Detection Profile (Chemistry, CBC, Urinalysis, T-4)
Rabies Vaccine
Limited Vaccines as needed individually
Internal Parasite Screen
Heartworm/Tick Disease Screen
Heartworm/Flea and Tick Medications
Dental Scaling and Polishing

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