

# 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 Preventative 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.

### Additional Preventative Diagnostic Testing

EKG

Abdominal Ultrasound  
Thoracic (Chest) Radiograph

### Additional Vaccines

Bordetella (Kennel Cough) Vaccine  
Influenza Vaccine (series of 2)  
Leptospirosis Vaccine (series of 2)



## 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  
Dental Scaling and Polishing  
Heartworm/Flea and Tick Medications