

Puppy Preventative Care Guidelines

Our veterinarians will work with you to determine what vaccines and preventative care schedule is best for your puppy, based on their age, breed and lifestyle. In general, our hospital follows the [American Animal Hospital Association \(AAHA\)'s most recent canine](#) vaccination guidelines to help provide a solid foundation for your puppy's preventative healthcare. However, depending on your puppy's past vaccines, response to vaccines, future lifestyle, and a host of other factors assessed by your veterinarian at their first visit, your puppy may not follow this exact schedule. We'll work with you to create a customized plan to give your pet the best protection and start on their long, happy life!

The following document outlines our general recommendations for canine patients and addresses not only vaccinations, but intestinal parasite prevention, heartworm prevention, flea/tick prevention, and some early training guidelines. If you have any questions or concerns regarding vaccines, diet, behavior or preventatives (heartworm, flea, tick, and intestinal parasites), please don't hesitate to ask a veterinarian or staff member.

Age	Vaccination/ Preventative Care	Diagnostic Procedures	Preventatives
6-8 weeks	DHPP Bordetella	Fecal examination	Intestinal dewormer Start flea/tick and heartworm preventatives
12 weeks	DHPP or DHLPP Influenza	Fecal examination	Intestinal dewormer Continue flea, tick and heartworm preventatives Start brushing teeth!
16 weeks	DHPP or DHLPP Influenza Bordetella Rabies (1 year)	Fecal examination	Intestinal dewormer Continue flea, tick and heartworm preventatives
6-8 months	Spay/Neuter procedure Microchip	Pre-operative bloodwork	
1st-3rd annual exams	DHPP or DHLPP (3 years) Bordetella (annually) Rabies (1 or 3 year) Leptospirosis (annually)	Fecal examination Heartworm test	Continue flea, tick and heartworm prevention year round!
4-6th annual exams	DHPP or DHLPP (3 years) Bordetella (annually) Rabies (1 or 3 year) Leptospirosis (annually)	Fecal examination Heartworm test Young Wellness bloodwork screening	Continue flea, tick and heartworm prevention year round!
7th annual exam and onward	DHPP or DHLPP (3 years) Bordetella (annually) Rabies (1 or 3 year) Leptospirosis (annually)	Fecal examination Heartworm test Senior bloodwork screening (including UA and thyroid)	Continue flea, tick and heartworm prevention year round!