

Puppy Health



BOCA PARK
ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Bringing a puppy home is an exciting time, so we need to ensure that your new puppy is protected.

Vaccine Schedule

- 8 weeks old – 1ST DA2PP
1yr Bordetella
- 12 weeks old- 2nd DA2PP
- 16 weeks old- 3rd DA2PP
1yr Rabies



Why Vaccinate?

Vaccines help protect puppies against common diseases that can affect them during this early age. When vaccines are introduced to your pets' body, it is mildly stimulating the immune system. This allows your pets' body to fight against the disease if ever exposed. These vaccines are boosted when the immune system's anti body levels have decreased from the previous vaccine. After their 3rd set, puppies are considered fully protected.

2. Canine influenza (H3N2) – Canine influenza is a highly contagious respiratory disease which can lead to pneumonia. It is spread through the air, directly nose to nose with an infected dog, or touching contaminated objects and surfaces. Humans can also spread the virus to other dogs from their clothes or hands. The virus can live 2 to 3 days in the environment and very few chemical agents kill the virus. One big problem with the illness is that dogs can transmit the virus without showing signs of disease. This vaccine is boosted 2-4 weeks after the initial injection, and is viable for a year.

3. Intestinal Parasites

Puppies commonly have internal parasites. It is pertinent to perform an annual fecal screening to ensure that your puppy and other family members are parasite free.

Common symptoms of an infected puppy includes:



- Pot belly appearance
- Weight loss
- Vomiting, chronic diarrhea

4. Flea/Tick/ Heartworm

Flea and ticks are the most common external parasite with dogs. If you are planning on traveling outside of Las Vegas or bringing your furry friends to areas where such parasites are prevalent such as Mount Charleston, please ask us about the once a month treatment.

5. Training

It is very important to establish a routine with your new family member to help with a smooth transition. You want to take your puppy out for frequent potty breaks.

For example, on an hourly basis. While out with your puppy, it helps when you have a command such as "go potty" to help make the connection. Praise or give your puppy a treat when he eliminates outside. Make sure that potty time is strictly that until he eliminates, then it can be play time. Common times for your puppy to go out include: first thing in the morning, after each meal, and before bed.

Obedience training can help not only your puppy's behavior, but it aids in forming a stronger bond between the puppy and their family members, and for socialization.

6. Socialization

It is important to socialize your new family member with family and close friends. The window of socialization is very crucial to help with life-long friendships of furry friends and family members. Here at Boca Park Animal Hospital, we want to play a part with your puppy's socialization by offering puppy visits between the ages of 8-16 weeks for 30 min- 1 hr. per visit. Your furry friend will be able to socialize with everyone in the hospital to help create a positive experience for future visits.

7. Spay/ Neuter

Spaying and neutering your pet is a routine procedure that is normally done between the ages of 6 months to 1 year. This is important for aiding in behavior issues, preventative medicine, and population control. If planning on breeding, Clark County requires you to obtain a Breeder's License from Animal Control.

8. Microchipping

Microchipping is an essential tool that can help locate and ID your pet in case of an emergency. Local vet clinics and shelters can scan your pet for their ID to get them reunited with their families.



9. Dental Care



At home daily dental care is recommended to prevent future periodontal disease. Make it apart of your morning or nightly routine as it takes about 20 seconds a day to brush your furry friend's teeth. Dental chews or water additives are other alternatives.

10. Healthy Diet

Your puppy is growing rapidly during this time and needs a food with more nutrients and calories. We recommend that your puppy stay on a balanced puppy food diet such as Hills, Royal Canin, Iams, and Purina Pro Plan until the age of 1.

