



Your Pet's
Preventative Health Recommendations
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The staff of Animal Medical of New City believes in the dignity of all animals and in the special value of the bonds forged between humans and companion animals. We feel that every animal brought to us is owned by a compassionate and concerned individual who desires the ultimate in animal care and treatment. To this end, we dedicate our services and facilities, and we will constantly strive through continuing education and advancement in instrumentation, to give each patient the same consideration we would expect for members of our own family.

Preventative Health Recommendations

We believe that health and well being of your pet can best be assured by participating in a program of well animal care, stressing preventative medicine and early detection of health problems. With this in mind, we have developed the following programs as a standard for well animal care. Please note these are general guidelines. Each pet will receive a custom designed preventative health care program and vaccination schedule according to his or her personal needs.

WELL PUPPY CARE (0-1 in dog years, 0-7 in human years)

	Complete Physical and Dental Exam	Pediatric Exam	1) DA2P-CPV vaccine	2) Bordatella vaccine	3) Lyme vaccine	4) Leptospirosis vaccine	5) Rabies vaccine	Fecal exam	Deworm	Check weight	Heartworm prevention	Flea/tick preventive
6 to 8 weeks	√		√	√				√	√	√	√	
9-12 weeks		√	√		√	√		√	√	√	√	√
12- 14 weeks		√	√		√	√				√	√	√
16 weeks		√	√				√			√	√	√
19 weeks					√			√		√	√	√

Puppies get their first protection from viruses from their mothers. We give vaccinations at designated times for two reasons: 1) we can not tell when the mother's protection wears off. In most dogs it happens between 14 and 16 weeks. 2)for most vaccines, the body needs to be exposed twice, usually about 3 weeks apart, before it is ready to protect your puppy from disease. The second vaccine is called a "booster".

The vaccines we currently use are:

- 1) DA2P-CPV vaccination a combination vaccine that protects against several viruses (Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza) that cause life threatening respiratory, neurological and intestinal disease.
- 2) Bordatella vaccination ('Kennel Cough') protects against part of a respiratory disease that while not life threatening, does cause a very irritating nocturnal cough that usually last several weeks.
- 3) Lyme vaccination protects against a tick-borne disease that causes arthritis and other signs. We recommend this to dogs that are at risk (which includes all dogs living in our area).
- 4) Leptospirosis vaccination protects against a bacterial disease that can cause kidney and liver disease in dogs. This disease is a zoonotic disease; it can be passed to humans through exposure to urine of infected dogs. We recommend this vaccine for dogs that are at risk which includes dogs living in our area.
- 5) Rabies vaccination is legally required; it protects against a deadly, incurable neurological virus that can affect humans.

At each visit during your puppy's rapid growth phase, we will give you a single (one month) heartworm and flea/tick preventative that will be based on your puppy's current weight. During one of your final puppy visits, once your puppy's weight has plateaued, we will dispense a 12 month supply that you can refill annually.

At your 19 week visit, we will submit bloodwork as part of the pre-anesthetic assessment for your pet's spay or neuter. Also at this visit, we will schedule your pet's spay or neuter.

After we get your Puppy off to a strong start, we'll want to see him/her back two more times in the first year:

At 5-6 months (All day appointment):

- a. Spay/neuter
- b. Survey hip radiographs (in large breed dogs)
- c. Baseline pre-surgical blood evaluation
- d. Permanent pet identification (microchipping)

At 1-1 1/2 years:

- a. Complete physical examination
- b. Rabies Vaccination (3 year)

- c. DA2P-CPV booster vaccination (3 year)
- d. Annual Heartworm/fecal examination
- e. Lyme booster vaccination (1 year)
- f. Leptospirosis booster vaccination (1 year)
- g. Bordatella vaccination (1 year)

After the 1 year visit, we won't need to see you back for 12 months, unless your pet has a problem.

Well Adult Dog Care
(2-5 in dog years, 14-35 in human years)

2 to 5 years:

After an intensive first year, our goal for the next few years is to monitor what are typically the healthiest years of your pet's life. Each year, we will remind you to call for an appointment, where we will offer:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complete annual physical and dental examination b. DA2P-CPV booster as needed (every 3 years) c. Annual Lyme and Leptospirosis booster vaccinations d. Annual Bordatella booster vaccination (when appropriate) e. Rabies booster as needed (every 3 years) f. Annual fecal exam | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g. Annual heartworm exam h. Heartworm prevention i. Flea/tick prevention j. Dental cleaning (as needed) k. Weight l. OFA hip radiographs
(2 years old, when appropriate) |
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Well Mature Dog Care
(5-8 in dog years, 35-56 in human years)

5 - 8 Years:

For many dogs, the mature years continue to be fairly carefree, but we need to be more vigilant in looking for signs of early disease or degeneration. In many cases, we can cure, manage or delay onset of conditions if we catch them early. During these annual visits we will offer to you and your pet:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complete annual physical and dental examination b. DA2P-CPV booster as needed (every 3 years) c. Annual Lyme and Leptospirosis booster vaccinations d. Annual Bordatella booster vaccination (when appropriate) e. Rabies booster as needed (every 3 years) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Alternate year blood screen evaluation (cbc, chem panel, thyroid panel, urinalysis) g. Annual heartworm examination h. Annual fecal examination i. Weight j. Dental cleaning (as needed) k. Heartworm and flea/tick prevention |
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Well *Senior Dog Care*
(greater than 8 in dog years, 56 in human years)

8 years and older:

During the later years of your pet's life, there are many things we can do to lengthen and improve his/her quality of life. We look for conditions and diseases that may be putting increased stressors on one body system or another. In order to accomplish this, we recommend the following:

- a. Complete annual physical and dental examination
- b. DA2P-CPV booster as needed (every 3 years)
- c. Annual Lyme and Leptospirosis booster vaccinations
- d. Annual Bordatella booster vaccination (when appropriate)
- e. Rabies booster as needed (every 3 years)
- f. Annual fecal exam
- g. Annual heartworm exam
- h. Heartworm prevention
- i. Flea/tick prevention
- j. Annual Dental cleaning (or as needed)
- k. Weight
- l. Annual blood screen evaluation (cbc, chem panel, thyroid panel, urinalysis)
- m. Annual blood pressure evaluation
- n. Annual glaucoma screening

Further laboratory tests such as chest and abdominal radiographs, ECG, ultrasound, fiberoptic endoscopy, etc may be indicated according to physical exam findings or clinical history. Noninvasive diagnostic procedures are excellent screening tools in the early detection of geriatric medical conditions.

NOTE:

- a. Fecal exams need to be run two to four times during the first year of life and one to two times per year for adult pets, depending on the pet's health and lifestyle. Pets with a history of intestinal parasitism will require more frequent fecal exams until there are negative reports (depending on the type of parasite).
- b. A heartworm test is necessary annually or any time prior to beginning heartworm preventative medication.
- c. Bordatella boosters should be given every 3-6 months if exposure to other dogs is high.

