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Vaccine Schedule for Puppies

Healthy puppies are usually weaned at 5 to 6 weeks of age. Most of their immune system is developed at birth, and that acquired immunity derived from the mother's milk provides some protection. After weaning, the puppy's immune system is vulnerable. We recommend the first round of puppy vaccines to be given at 6 weeks of age. Typically, we vaccinate for Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Para-influenza, and sometimes Coronavirus every three weeks for a total of four rounds of vaccines. The rabies vaccine is to be given on the 4th visit. Due to the susceptibility and occurrence of Parvo Virus in some breeds such as Rottweilers, Miniature Pinchers, and Labrador Retrievers, some dogs may require additional parvo vaccine. During each visit, your veterinarian will also be performing a physical exam, do a fecal analysis to test for intestinal parasites and will deworm each patient accordingly. Each puppy will be vaccinated on a case by case basis depending on their vulnerability and the likelihood of risk. Our veterinarians will also vaccinate the dogs for Kennel Cough (aka Bordatella) depending on each dog's individual needs.

The visit at six weeks of age will include the first Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvo vaccine, a fecal examination and a physical examination. Typically, this will also include a puppy package which will discuss nutrition, flea control or prevention, and other puppy training tips that will be valuable to the owners. We also will discuss the need for weekly baths in these puppies and what products would be beneficial to each pet.

The nine week old visit will include the second Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvo vaccine and the first kennel cough vaccine, along with a physical examination. This visit we will also discuss how the puppy training is coming along as well as any behavioral issues that the puppy may have. This is also a good visit to begin showing the clients how to clean the ears and trim the toenails.

The appointment at twelve weeks of age will include the third Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvo vaccine and the second kennel cough vaccine. Also at this time we may begin heartworm preventative and flea preventative.

At the fifteen weeks visit, the puppy will receive the fourth Distemper, Hepatitis and Parvo vaccine as well as a fecal examination. Patients will be dewormed pending the fecal results. At this appointment we will go ahead and discuss the importance of spaying or neutering the pet at 5 to 6 months of age.