



Your puppy is growing at an incredible rate! In the first six months, your puppy will be potty trained, go to puppy school, lose baby teeth, get adult teeth and start puberty! A year old dog is equivalent in age to an 8 year old person!

This is why it is so important to have your dog examined several times during the first 6+ months. During these exams, the doctor will assess the overall health of your puppy. These appointments are also a great time to ask questions of the technician and doctor about the care of your puppy, housebreaking or any behavioral concerns that you may have.

Here's what to expect during your puppy's first year:

First Visit (7-9 Weeks)

Physical Exam

Fecal sample to check for intestinal parasites

First distemper combination vaccination

Bordetella (Kennel Cough Vaccination)

CIV (canine influenza vaccine)

Preventive Deworming

Begin internal parasite prevention program

Register for Pups 'R Us Class

Second Visit (11-13 Weeks)

Physical Exam

Introduce Nail Trimming, Dental care and Ear cleaning

Second distemper combination vaccination

Second CIV vaccination

Discuss Lyme vaccination/ leptospirosis vaccination

Fecal sample to check for intestinal parasites

Start external parasite prevention program

Continue internal parasite prevention

Third Visit (15-18 Weeks)

Physical Exam

Fecal sample to check for intestinal parasites if second one not yet tested.

Third distemper combination vaccination; second Lyme vaccination,

Leptospirosis; Rabies vaccination

Continue internal/external parasite prevention

Depending on the size and development of your puppy, most puppies will return at 5-6 months of age for baseline wellness/pre-surgical blood tests, check for retained deciduous (baby) teeth, refills of parasite prevention, complete any needed vaccine boosters and consult on behavior, nutrition, spay/ neuter/ gastropexy surgeries and OFA screening options.

6-9 Months

Physical Exam
Spay/Neuter +/- Gastropexy
OFA Hip/Elbow dysplasia screening if desired
Microchip Placement
Continue internal/external parasite prevention

Annually (1-7 years of age)

Physical Exam
Nutrition Consult
Fecal sample to check for intestinal parasites
Wellness Blood Screening with Heartworm/Tick Screen
Age appropriate Vaccines
Internal/external parasite prevention
Dental Cleaning if applicable

Annually or Semi-Annually (7 years and beyond)

Physical Exam
Senior Nutrition Consult
Fecal sample to check for intestinal parasites
Senior Comprehensive Blood Screening with Heartworm/Tick Screen
Urinalysis
Patient Specific Advanced diagnostics as recommended (X-rays, Ultrasound, etc)
Age appropriate Vaccines
Internal/external parasite prevention
Dental Cleaning as recommended

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