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LOOKING AFTER YOUR PUPPY



After a few days settling in at home, your new puppy can be brought to the surgery for a FREE HEALTH CHECK. The Vet or Nurse can give you advice about diet, care and vaccinations. They will also answer any questions you may have.

In the first week it is usually best to follow the diet plan the pup is used to then change gradually onto other diets. It is very important to feed a complete puppy diet food until at least 12 months of age (longer for larger breeds) or until recommended by the brand of food you are feeding (this is usually written on the bag). We also recommend, for Large breed dogs (Labrador size and upwards) that you feed the diets specially formulated for Large breeds to ensure their bones develop properly.

<u>Age of pup</u>	<u>Approximate number of feeds daily</u>
3 - 6 weeks	Six
2 - 3 months	Four
3 - 4 months	Three
4 - 9 months	Two
Over 9 months	Two to Three

Very large dogs or dogs tending to be underweight may do better on more frequent meals for longer, possibly for life. Puppy food and wormers are available from the surgery.

Vaccinations

Vaccinations are given to protect against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parvovirus and parainfluenza.

1 st vaccination	6 - 8 weeks
2 nd vaccination	10 weeks of age

The puppy can not go out into public places until THREE DAYS AFTER THE 2ND VACCINATION.

A single BOOSTER VACCINATION is needed each year. The veterinary surgeon will perform a FREE HEALTH CHECK at the same time. If it is more than 18 months since the last vaccination then the course will need to be re-started.

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Socialisation

It is best to get the pup out socialising and gaining experience as young as possible.

It is important that before the pup is 10 weeks old it comes into contact with some general household noises, men, women, children and other animals. You can arrange play sessions with other healthy pups in your own home and garden. The pup can also meet adult dogs that you know are healthy and vaccinated. Collar and lead training can begin at 9 - 10 weeks of age at home so the puppy is ready to go outside.

After vaccinations, contact with things can increase. They can be introduced to towns, pubs, playgrounds, parks, kennels, farm animals etc. The pup also needs to become used to grooming, checking teeth and ears, giving food and toys and being alone. The staff at the surgery can advise you on puppy parties, playgroups, training and support books. More detailed books can be obtained from the surgery.

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