

Small Animal Routine Health Schedule

Dog Recommended Health Schedule

Da2P/C (distemper, adenovirus, parainfluenza, parvovirus, and corona virus)

- As a puppy, this vaccine is given at 6wk, 9wk, and 12wk of age
- As an adult, this vaccine is boosted annually

Rabies

- As a puppy, this vaccine is given at 12wk of age and is boosted in one year
- As an adult, this vaccine is boosted every two years

Kennel Cough (Bordetella)

- Kennel cough is highly contagious and is spread between dogs. We recommend your dog be vaccinated if it visits a kennel/boarding facility, grooming salon, obedience classes, hunting groups, etc.
- Initial series of vaccine is two doses given 2-4 weeks apart.
- Dogs must be 8 weeks of age or older. After initial series, vaccine is given annually

Lyme Disease (Borreliosis)

- We recommend your dog be vaccinated if it is a primarily outdoor dog or spends a lot of time hunting or is in tall grass and trees.
- Initial series of vaccine is two doses given 2-3 weeks apart. Dogs must be 9 weeks of age or older.
- After initial series, vaccine is boosted annually

Fecal examinations

- General deworming (for roundworms and hookworms) is done at every vaccination appointment. However, there are several parasites, which are not routinely dewormed for which your animal may ingest. We recommend a fecal examination at least annually to check for these parasites.

Surgery – Castration and Spaying

- Surgery for your pet should be done around 5-6 months of age. If an animal is spayed before her first heat cycle, it will dramatically reduce the incidence of mammary tumors and decreases her risk for certain types of cancer.

Heartworm Testing and Preventative

- Annual heartworm testing is recommended in any dog over 6 months of age. Our testing procedure requires a small blood sample and includes a screening for Lyme and Ehrlichia exposure, both tick born diseases.
- We recommend Heartgard Plus for our patients to use as a heartworm preventative. Use May 1st through November 1st (mosquito season in Minnesota) or year round if this is more convenient or if your pet is a traveler.

Flea and Tick Preventative

- We recommend using flea and tick preventative to prevent disease transmission and for the safety of your pet and family. We carry a variety of products such as: Frontline Plus, K9 Advantix, and Revolution. Frontline Plus is by far our favorite and is safe and easy to apply.

Dental Care

- Good oral health promotes good overall health. We recommend your pet's teeth be checked regularly. If your pet's teeth are heavy with tartar, gingivitis, or periodontal disease, we recommend cleaning by ultrasonic scaling and polishing; with dental x-rays and oral extractions performed as necessary.

Cat Recommended Health Schedule

FVRCP (Rhinotracheitis, Calici, Panleukopenia, Chlamydia Psittaci)

- As a kitten, this vaccine is given at 6wk, 9wk, and 12wk of age
- As an adult, this vaccine is boosted annually

Rabies

- As a kitten, this vaccine is given at 12 wk of age and is boosted in one year
- As an adult, this vaccine is boosted every two years

Feline Leukemia

- As a kitten, this vaccine is given at 9wk and 12wk of age
- As an adult, this vaccine is boosted annually
- We recommend any outdoor cat or cat that spends time outdoors, or any cat with exposure to outdoor cats be vaccinated for feline leukemia.

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV)

- As a kitten, this vaccine is given at 9wk, and needs to be boosted 2 additional times 3 weeks apart.
- As an adult, this vaccine is boosted annually
- We recommend any outdoor cat or cat that spends time outdoors, or any cat with exposure to outdoor cats be vaccinated for FIV.
- Note: The FIV vaccine will cause a FIV test (see below) to turn positive, so it is important to test your cat as negative BEFORE giving the vaccine.

Fecal Examinations

- General deworming (roundworms and hookworms) is done at every vaccination appointment. However, any animal with loosened stool or a new kitten should have its feces tested for parasites. There are several parasites an animal can get into if it goes outside, and a fecal examination should be tested yearly.

Feline Leukemia/Feline Immunodeficiency Virus

- Both of these diseases are spread directly from cat to cat, and both cause terminal effects. Commonly known as "kitty aids" FIV is a newly discovered disease, which suppresses the immune system of cats.
- Any kitten or cat over 12 weeks of age should be tested for these diseases. A small blood sample is needed to check for this.

Surgery – Castration, Spaying, and Declawing

- Surgery for your pet can be done any time close to 6 months of age. Spaying before the first heat cycle in females drastically reduces incidence of mammary cancer and unwanted pregnancy, and neutering males will prevent behaviors such as urinary spraying from developing.
- Declawing can be done at the same time as castration or spaying. We use laser surgery to declaw cats. It has many benefits including: less bleeding, less swelling, less risk of infection, and most importantly less pain.

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