



CANINE WELLNESS SUMMARY

The fundamentals of any wellness program should include prevention and early detection of disease.

Below contains information written as a very brief synopsis of preventative care for canine patients. Please see our [Caregiver Resources](#) for a more in-depth discussion of each preventable disease listed below.

This document is neither a replacement for a veterinary consultation nor intended to dictate the actions of any veterinary recommendations. You should reference this summary as guidelines for wellness in canine patients.

QUICK REFERENCE

Vaccinations

- All states have legal requirements for rabies vaccination
- Most municipalities have vaccination requirements for licensing

- Rabies Vaccine
- Canine Combination Vaccine (DAPP)
 - Distemper Virus
 - Adenovirus
 - Parainfluenza
 - Parvovirus
- Lyme Vaccine
- Leptospira Vaccine (4-Way)
- Bordetella Vaccine

Parasite Control

- Deworming protocols are most common at younger ages
 - Some monthly heartworm preventatives have deworming properties, but not always complete
- An effective screening protocol for intestinal parasites includes a fecal examination 1-2 times per year
- Heartworm is safer and more effective to prevent than it is to treat, many products are effective and inexpensive

PUPPY RECOMMENDATIONS

At 2 / 4 / 6 / 8 weeks of age

- Deworm with Pyrantel Pamoate

At 6 - 8 weeks old

- 1 Month DAPP Vaccination
- 1 Year Oral Bordetella Vaccination (>8w)

At 9 - 11 weeks old

- 1 Month DAPP Vaccination
- 1 Month Lyme Vaccination
- Fecal Evaluation
- Start Heartworm Prevention

12 - 15 weeks old

- 1 Month DAPP Vaccination
- 1 Year Lyme Vaccination
- 1 Month Leptospira Vaccination

At 16 - 20 weeks old

- 1 Year DAPP Vaccination
- 1 Year Leptospira Vaccination
- 1 Year Rabies Vaccination
- Fecal Evaluation

At 7 months old

- Heartworm Test

ADULT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Patients who have recently whelped require the same deworming schedule as puppies
- Maintain year-round heartworm prevention
- Fecal test twice per year
- Adults not previously vaccinated, require a single 1 Month & a single 1 Year vaccination series as above
- Adults previously vaccinated, but not up to date, a single 1 Month & a single 1 Year vaccination series as above
 - Lyme & Leptospira require a booster if ≥ 18 months since last vaccine
- Adults previously vaccinated, up to date, receive 1 year and/or 3Y vaccines when available