

Puppy’s First Year Plan

Name

**Vaccinations**

What diseases do we vaccinate against?

* **Canine Parvovirus.** A highly contagious virus that can survive for long periods in the environment. Often fatal.
* **Canine Distemper Virus.** Another severe, usually fatal disease.
* **Infectious Canine Hepatitis.** Viral infection causing liver failure. Often fatal.
* **Leptospirosis.** Spread by rats and other dogs. Causes organ failure. Can also infect humans (Weil’s disease).
* **Infectious Tracheobronchitis (Kennel Cough).** Caused mostly by Bordatella bacteria and Parainfluenza virus. Distressing signs like whooping cough. Spread wherever dogs meet, e.g. parks, shows, kennels. Rarely fatal, though complications can occur.
* **Rabies.** Only required for dogs travelling abroad.

**Microchips**

Injected under the skin, each microchip has a unique identity code, permanently identifying your dog in the event they went missing or were stolen. Some dogs are euthanased or rehomed by councils if their owners cannot be traced. By law all dogs must also wear a collar and identity tag in public.

**Socialisation with Adaptil© products**

The Adaptil© collar and diffuser work by releasing a constant stream of synthetic dog appeasing pheromone for a period of about 4 weeks. The dog appeasing pheromone is a substance produced naturally by a lactating bitch to reassure and calm her puppies, as they explore and learn about the world around them.

**Veterinary Nurse Progress Checks**

These checks are to monitor your puppies’ development. Our nurses will give you advice on housetraining and socialisation, nutrition and weight management, neutering, dental care and parasite control.

**Neutering**

We recommend neutering for all pet dogs to reduce health risks, prevent unwanted litters and to provide some behavioural benefits. Your vet can discuss these with you.

**Booster Vaccinations**

Immunity to disease may fade over time, leaving your dog at risk of disease. Some diseases require a ‘booster’ annually, some less often.

Date of Birth

Below is an ideal plan to protecting your puppy’s health throughout their first year and guidelines for ongoing preventative healthcare

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| Age | Date | To do | Done |
| 8 weeks | / / | Health Check and1st Vaccination |  |
| 10 weeks | / / | 2nd Vaccination & Microchip |  |
| 12 weeks | / / | 3rd Vaccination |  |
| 3 months | / / | VN Progress Check |  |
| 4 months | / / | VN Progress Check |  |
| 5 months | / / | VN Progress Check |  |
| 6 months | / / | VN Progress CheckNeutering |  |
| 9 months | / / | VN Progress Check |  |
| 12 months | / / | VN Progress Check |  |
| 14 months | / / | Health Check andBooster Vaccinations |  |

After this we recommend:

* Weight check every 6 months
* Health check and booster vaccinations every 12 months
* Regular parasite control as recommended by your vet or nurse



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