

Puppy Care



VACCINATIONS :

The basic 5 in 1 vaccine covers Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, Bordatella and Parvo virus. Some of these have the potential to kill dogs.

Parvo virus is tough and can stay in the soil for years, and can be brought home by you on your shoes. Protection can be given against kennel cough. Most boarding kennels require a vaccination against kennel cough before dogs can board.

Full vaccination protection -

6-8 weeks: 1st vaccination
12-14 weeks: 2nd vaccination
then annual boosters

WORMING:

Puppies can get intestinal worms from their mother as well as fleas. Pups should be wormed every 2 weeks until they are 12 weeks of age, then monthly till 6 months, then every 3 months after that. Available in choc-drops, tablets and chewies.

HEARTWORM:

Heart worms, unlike other worms, are spread by mosquitos. A very debilitating disease which can fill the heart with worms clogging blood flow and causing heart failure. Either a daily or monthly heartworm tablet will keep your pup safe. Discuss with your vet which brand is best for your puppy.

DESEXING:

For non breeding dogs, desexing is recommended for a number of reasons and is usually carried out at 6 months of age.

It markedly reduces the bitch's or dog's wandering urge, minimising the chance for accidents or loss.

Entire dogs have a much higher chance of developing prostate problems/tumors.

Unbred bitches are at more risk of developing an infected uterus

Desexing bitches minimises breast cancer and removes the chance of uterine and ovarian cancer

Stops unwanted puppies

