

Cedar Veterinary Group

# Care Of Your New Puppy



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# Congratulations on the arrival of your new puppy!

It is our aim to help you keep your puppy happy, fit and healthy from day one. We therefore recommend the following procedures so you can relax in the knowledge your puppy is receiving all they need at this important stage of life.

## 6-8 WEEKS

This is the time at which most owners bring their new puppy home. It is the ideal time as the puppy should be fully weaned by now. As your puppy has not been vaccinated it is important that you do not allow contact with other dogs in public places. When attending the surgery ensure that your puppy is carried until they are fully vaccinated.

## VACCINATIONS

8 weeks old is the ideal time for your puppy to have the first part of a two course vaccination.

This injection will protect your puppy from Canine Parvovirus, Canine Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis and Canine Leptospirosis (Weils Disease). These infections are often fatal in unprotected animals.

At this appointment you will be given a vaccination card which is updated by the vet to record your pet's vaccination details. This card will be unique to your pet - please remember to bring it along every time your puppy visits us for vaccination. Your puppy will also be given a full health check by the vet with advice on worming, dietary needs and preventative flea treatment.

The second vaccination must be given 2 - 4 weeks after the first, but puppies must be at least 10 weeks old. Keep your puppy in his restricted area for a further 14 days, allowing the immune system to respond, and then he will be ready to 'face the world'. His next vaccination (booster) will be an annual injection from the date of the 2nd, we will of course send you a reminder. Please note that vaccination is a necessary requirement for boarding kennels. It is advisable to check your kennels' precise requirements at least one month before entry.

Worming should be carried out every 2 weeks, from 4 weeks old until 12 weeks old and then monthly until 6 months of age. The veterinary surgeon will be able to advise you which type of wormer will be suitable and also to discuss specific lungworm treatments.

At the age of 6 months treatment can be then given every 3 months. Wormer is based on weight of the puppy, so regular weighing is advised, which can be done at the surgery without having to make an appointment.

## **PREVENTATIVE FLEA TREATMENT**

Puppies can be safely treated from 2 days old with a flea prevention spray and from 6 weeks with certain spot-on products. These need to be used monthly to every 8 weeks depending on the product. Care needs to be taken when choosing a treatment as many do not treat flea eggs and larvae and are therefore unsuitable once infestation is present.

## **PET HEALTHCARE PLAN**

We offer healthcare plans to pay monthly and save money on your pet's preventative healthcare.

A pet healthcare plan is not pet insurance. It covers the regular treatments your pet needs throughout life such as vaccinations, flea and worm treatments and regular health checkups. Further information is available from the practice. Your bank details are required to set up the direct debits.

## **DIETARY NEEDS**

A 'complete' puppy food is recommended, but it is important that if a change of diet has to be made it is a gradual one. Many health problems can result from feeding an unsuitable diet, therefore please discuss with the vet at your appointment, or our nurses who will be more than happy to discuss your puppy's requirements.

## **MICROCHIP**

This is an excellent device to enable your pet to be identified quickly should they ever become lost or injured. We insert a tiny microchip, encoded with a number unique to your puppy, under the skin on the neck. This number can be read at many establishments e.g., veterinary surgeries, police stations, dog warden and RSPCA. We highly recommend this procedure as we have reunited many pets and owners using this system. Peace of mind for £18.00. Please note it is now a legal requirement that all dogs should be microchipped from 6th April 2016 (in England).

## **KENNEL COUGH VACCINATION**

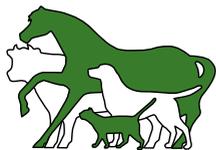
Kennel Cough can be contracted from meeting infected dogs in public areas or anywhere a lot of dogs are present (e.g. boarding kennels). Most kennels require an up to date Kennel Cough vaccination. The vaccine can be given to dogs over three weeks of age should be administered at least three weeks before boarding and dogs should be re-vaccinated annually to maintain immunity.

## **NEUTERING**

Castration for males can be carried out at around six months of age. Females are usually neutered (spayed) after their first season. They can be spayed before their first season but this must be discussed with the vet beforehand.

For either operation your dog will be admitted in the morning and can be collected in the evening. A follow up appointment will be required after 10 days to check the wounds and remove any sutures that may be present.





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## Surgery Hours

### ALTON

**Monday - Friday:** 8.30am - 6.30pm

**Saturday:** 8.30am - 12.30pm

Tel: 01420 82163

### FOUR MARKS

**Monday - Friday:** 9.00am - 6.00pm

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**Saturday:** 8.00am - 12.00pm

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