

Puppy Schedule



There are a lot of things to do for your puppy in his or her first few months of life! This is an overview of when you'll want to bring your puppy into the clinic and which vaccines she'll get. Not every puppy fits into this schedule, so be sure to discuss with your veterinary team!

8 week visit

Most puppies that came from a breeder go home around this time. Puppies will generally have already received a Parvovirus vaccine from the breeder or shelter at 6 weeks of age. Usually at this visit, your puppy will get her 4-part "Distemper" shot (Distemper, Adenovirus, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza). You should bring a poop sample to each visit. You'll get a "Puppy Kit" and a toothbrush at this visit. We recommend you use the coupons and samples in the Puppy Kit to start flea/tick and heartworm prevention now.

12 week visit

Puppies at this age will get their first Rabies shot. They will also get their second Distemper shot (this will be a 5-part vaccine: Distemper, Adenovirus, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza, Leptospirosis). We'll check again for GI parasites and may need to repeat the dewormer. At this visit we check in on housetraining or socialization issues, and examine your pup for any developmental issues.

16 week visit

This is usually the last visit your puppy will need to see the veterinarian. At this visit she will get her final 5-part Distemper shot. We strongly recommend a Lyme vaccine; your puppy will get her first one at this visit. You will need to return in 1 month for a technician visit to get the final Lyme vaccine. We will usually discuss spay/neuter and microchipping at this visit. If you have any lingering questions, be sure to ask them!

Quick Info:

DAPP: "Distemper" vaccine. Given as a 3-part series for the first set. After initial series, will be given every 3 years.

Lepto: Given as a 2-part series, then annually. Is given as a combo shot with DAPP.

Lyme: Given as 2-part series, then annually. This is an emerging disease in our area and is spreading rapidly.

Rabies: Given as a 1 year vaccine first, then every 3 years. Required by state law.

Bordetella: "Kennel cough" vaccine. Given annually or as required by boarding facility. Can be given orally.

Internal Parasites:

Puppies get worms easily. Most puppies are born with worms, and they can pick up worm eggs from your yard. Frequent deworming is important to remove the parasites and allow the puppy to grow normally.