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# Dog Health Tips

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## Vaccinations

- 6-8 weeks of age – C3 (Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus)  
 Date due: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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  - 12-14 weeks of age – C3 or C5 (C3 + Canine Cough – Parainfluenza and Bordetella bronchiseptica)  
 Date due: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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  - 16-18 weeks of age – C3 or C5  
 Date due: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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  - 16 months of age and every year thereafter – yearly health check and vaccination boosters for life  
 Date due: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_
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It is not until your puppy's final vaccination (16-18 weeks) that they have optimal protection against these infectious diseases. You should therefore take precautionary measures and keep your pup away from unknown dogs and potentially infectious environments i.e. parks highly frequented by dogs.

It is compulsory that all dogs going to boarding kennels have the C5 vaccination. Dogs attending any organised canine activity (i.e. obedience classes) need a minimum of a C3 vaccination. We recommend the C5 vaccination for all dogs as it provides the best protection.

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## Microchipping

Permanent identification device, about the size of a grain of rice. It is compulsory that all dogs in the state of Victoria are microchipped. Registration on the microchip database is life-long with a once-off fee.

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## Desexing

If you are not breeding with your dog we recommend you sterilise him/her from 3-6 months of age.

### Spey (females)

- Reduces the risk of mammary (breast) cancer
- Eliminates the possibility of pyometra (infected uterus), a potentially fatal condition

### Castrate (males)

- Reduces the risk of prostate problems
- Eliminates the possibility of testicular cancer

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## Intestinal worms

Roundworm, hookworm, whipworm and tapeworm

Treat with a suitable all-wormer (tablet / syrup or chewable)

- 2, 4 and 6 weeks of age  Check with where you got your puppy from
  - 8 weeks of age  Date due: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_
  - 10 weeks of age  Date due: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_
  - 12 weeks of age  Date due: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_
  - 4 months of age  Date due: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_
  - 5 months of age  Date due: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_
  - 6 months of age  Date due: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_
  - 9 months of age  Date due: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_
  - 12 months of age and every 3 months thereafter for life
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## Heartworm

A potentially fatal disease, spread by mosquitoes, there are many preventative medications available.

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### Yearly treatment

- *Proheart SR12* once yearly injection (based on the dog's weight – dog must be over 9 months of old for year-long protection). If given at 3 – 6 months old the injection lasts 6 months and if given at 6 – 9 months old lasts 9 months.

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### Monthly treatments

- *Sentinel* (beef flavoured tablet) – prevents heartworm, intestinal worms and fleas (by making the flea's eggs unable to hatch).
- *Heartgard plus* (beef flavoured chew) – prevents heartworm and some intestinal worms
- *Revolution* (spot-on) – prevents heartworm, fleas, ear mites, sarcoptic mange
- *Advocate* (spot on) – prevents heartworm, fleas, sarcoptic and demodectic mange, ear mites and some intestinal worms (not tapeworm)

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## Fleas

Can be very irritating, leading to skin disease, as well as possibly spreading disease and causing allergies and anaemia.

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### Monthly treatments

- *Frontline* (spot-on) – kills adult fleas
- *Advantage* (spot-on) – kills adult fleas
- *Advocate* (spot-on) – Kills adult fleas
- *Revolution* (spot-on) – kills adult fleas
- *Sentinel* (beef flavoured tablet) – does not kill adult fleas but prevents reproduction

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## Teething

Adult teeth erupt at 4-8 months. You may notice the occasional tooth fall out (most will be swallowed). During this time make sure your puppy has lots of chew toys as they will want to chew everything.

There are a few things you can do to help your dog maintain good oral hygiene:

- Raw bones twice weekly – raw chicken necks for small breeds under 5kg, lamb shanks for small breeds under 5kg, marrow bones for larger breeds.
- Dental chews twice weekly – *Greenies*, *Dentabones*
- Dry food – the more chewing your dog does, the healthier its teeth will be
- Brushing teeth at least twice weekly – using a pet toothpaste (human toothpaste is toxic to dogs). You must start this at a young age so your dog learns to tolerate it

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## Nutrition

For small breed puppies, we recommend you feed a Puppy formulated diet for the first 12 months of their life. For large breed puppies, we recommend feeding a Puppy formulated diet for the first 18 months of life.

We recommend using a premium dry food such as Advance, Hills Science Diet, Royal Canin, Eukanuba or Iams.

Dogs should not be fed chocolate, cooked bones, onions or grapes at any stage in their life.

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## WoofPurNay Facilities and Services

WoofPurNay Veterinary Hospital covers all aspects of pet care. Our comprehensive facility includes large and small animal surgical and radiographic facilities, overhead viewing area into surgical theatres, pet supermarket, grooming services, 24hr dog-wash, dog and cat boarding, swimming pool for dogs, dog training and puppy classes, myofunctional therapy and a conference centre available to cater for special interest groups.

Consultation is by appointment:

- Monday to Friday 9am – 8pm
- Saturday 10am – 4pm
- Sunday 10am – 2pm

House call consultations available. A 10% surcharge for all weekend consults

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