



Puppy Maintenance Programme

DIET:

- Puppies should be fed a puppy growth formula.
- Medium to Large breed puppies (>25kg as an adult) require a large breed growth formula to support the growth phase and joint development
- The Royal Canin Vetcare range is our preferential food available instore
- Other foods that are premium quality are Hills Science Diet, Pedigree Advance, Eukanuba
- To ensure dental health, dry biscuits should make up majority of diet
- Feed 3 meals per day until 4 months of age and then 2 meals per day
- Small breed dogs – change to adult food at 12 months of age
- Medium breed dogs – change to adult food at 12 months of age
- Large breed dogs – change to adult food at 15 months of age

VACCINATIONS:

- Due to recent canine parvovirus outbreaks, three vaccinations are required.

6-8 weeks , 12 weeks and 16 weeks of age
- Annual vaccinations are required to maintain immunity
- Please don't take your puppy to public places (walking, dog parks, and dog beaches) until 7 days after their third vaccination.

DEWORMING (Intestinal worms) PROGRAMME:

- It is important to protect yourself and your puppy against intestinal worms.
- Deworm your puppy every 2 weeks until 12 weeks of age, then Monthly until 6 months of age, then every 3 months for life.
- We recommend using a worming tablet or monthly use of Advocate.

FLEA CONTROL:

It is important to treat all pets in the household.

Topicals:

Revolution - fleas, heartworm, ear mites

Advocate - fleas, heartworm, intestinal worms, ear mites

Oral:

Panoramis - fleas, heartworm, intestinal worms

Sentinel - fleas, heartworm, intestinal worms

HEARTWORM PREVENTION:

- Dangerous disease transmitted by mosquitoes.
- Spot-on monthly treatments:
 - Advocate or Revolution
- Monthly tablets/chews:
 - Panoramis, Sentinel, Interceptor, Heartgard Plus
- Annual Proheart Injection



STERILISATION:

- Recommended at 6 months of age
- Various health benefits:
 - Males: Eliminates risk of testicular cancer & greatly reduces risk of prostate cancer.
 - Females: Eliminates risk of uterine cancer and pyometra (a life threatening infection of the uterus).
 - It also greatly reduces chance of mammary cancers.
- Behavioural benefits:
 - Reduces unwanted behaviours like mounting, inappropriate urination & marking, territorial aggression.
 - Also reduces the desire to roam which results in many dogs escaping and being hit by cars.

MICROCHIP INSERTION:

- Strongly recommended for dogs of any age
- Lifetime, permanent identification if your dog is lost or stolen
- \$Call for Pricing - includes implant & lifetime registration with the Animal Registry

PET INSURANCE:

- Various companies with different options, check with your insurance company for a plan suitable for your pet.

COUNCIL REGISTRATION:

Register with your local council/shire (City of Swan)

PUPPY SOCIALISATION:

Puppy preschool: 6-12 weeks of age (5 x 1 hour weekly sessions, course costs) Puppies older than 14 weeks of age – contact RSPCA Malaga for advanced puppy socialisation classes and early training

Please get in contact if you require any further information and we wish you a healthy puppy!

Warm Regards,

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