



Pet Care NOTES



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VACCINATIONS FOR DOGS

Scheduled vaccinations by a veterinarian can keep a dog from getting serious and sometimes fatal sicknesses. Illnesses such as distemper, parvovirus, and rabies can be prevented by routine vaccinations. A vaccination is also available for kennel cough, a respiratory condition that affects a dog that has been exposed to a group of dogs confined together in an enclosed environment. A puppy's first vaccine should be given at five or six weeks of age and continued at specific intervals over a period of several weeks. If a puppy misses a scheduled vaccine within a series, the entire series of shots might have to be repeated. Afterwards, yearly booster shots should provide the protection that a dog will need.

Make sure vaccinations become a routine part of your pet's complete health care program. We'll be glad to write out for you a complete schedule of all the shots your pet should have. Preventive care is a big part of our practice, where we also provide compassionate medical, surgical, and dental care for small pets of all ages. Feel free to ask us, too, about a healthy diet plan for your pet. We carry a complete line of high quality pet foods, vitamins, flea & tick prevention products, and grooming products. Boarding & grooming services are also available.

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