

VETERINARY CLINIC, Ltd

# WOODLAND

## PUPPY VISIT #2

Welcome to your puppy's second check up! We hope training is going well with the help of puppy classes and/or your Purina Puppy Book. It is extremely important to be consistent with your training, as well as providing high quality nutrition and maintaining puppy vaccine protection against the most common canine diseases.

### VACCINATIONS

**DHL4PP:** Booster inoculation against Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis (4 "strains"), Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus. This combined vaccine will continue temporary protection against these serious puppy diseases. The final puppy booster is necessary in *1 month*.

**LYME:** Your puppy will be given the initial vaccine at this visit.

**BORDETELLA:** For dogs that might go to a dog park, kennel, or any facility with other dogs present we recommend a Bordetella vaccine annually. Boarding kennels require this vaccine to avoid "kennel cough" disease.

### FLEAS & TICKS

ALL puppies in our area will be exposed to fleas and ticks. To kill fleas or ticks for dogs over 8 weeks, we recommend Frontline Gold or Nexgard. Frontline Gold is translocated through your pet's oil glands, while Nexgard is transferred through your pet's blood system. We recommend using the preventative for 9 months of the year, March through December, given every 30 days.

### HEARTWORMS

The risk of heartworm disease in this area cannot be overemphasized. We recommend Heartgard Plus, a prescription product, to be administered every 30 days year-round.

### INTESTINAL PARASITES

If a fecal test has not been performed in the last month, it is crucial to examine it at this visit. If parasites are detected, you will be provided treatment and we will need a subsequent fecal test at the third puppy visit to be assured that treatment was effective in ridding those parasites.

### DENTAL CARE

Continue to handle your puppy's mouth and lips. It is beneficial to begin brushing your pet's teeth at this time. Daily brushing with pet-specific toothpaste is really the best way to keep your pet's mouth healthy. You can find a variety of pet toothpaste on our Online Store.

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## **PUPPY DEVELOPMENT**

*Nail Care:* Handling feet when young will make nail care easier later. Nails should be trimmed every 2 weeks to keep them short. Trim just the tips of the nails to avoid the quick. We recommend and carry Millers Forge brand trimmers in the clinic and on our online store.

*Nutrition:* We continue to recommend PURINA PRO PLAN, DIAMOND, and FROMM'S as they are excellent premium foods widely available. Make adjustments to the quantity of food your pet receives according to its weight.

*Training:* Obedience and housetraining are critical to raising a pleasant family pet. The Wisconsin Rapids Kennel Club training classes are recommended, as well as the Purina Puppy Book for excellent training tips.

*Bathing:* Puppies may be bathed as often as necessary, but to routinely shampoo a puppy more often than every 2 weeks can dry the skin. Washing with water, or spraying with a hose can be done whenever the puppy gets dirty. For shampooing, avoid human shampoos, as they can be irritating and drying to your pet's skin. A very good and gentle shampoo for pets we recommend is Allergroom Shampoo, which we carry in the clinic and on our Online Store.

## **NEXT VISIT – ONE MONTH**

Your puppy should have its final check-up and vaccine boosters in 3-4 weeks. It is very important to follow the correct series of vaccine visits to completely protect your puppy from these diseases, as well as getting the Doctor's advice on continued puppy care.

## **EMERGENCY CARE**

Please contact the *PAW Health Network Animal Emergency Center* in Mosinee at 715-693-6934. The Emergency Center's standards of care most closely mirror Woodland Veterinary Clinic, Ltd. They are open from 6pm – 8pm, Monday – Thursday; and 5pm Friday – 8am Monday; as well as holidays. From Wisconsin Rapids, it should take about 45 minutes to get there.