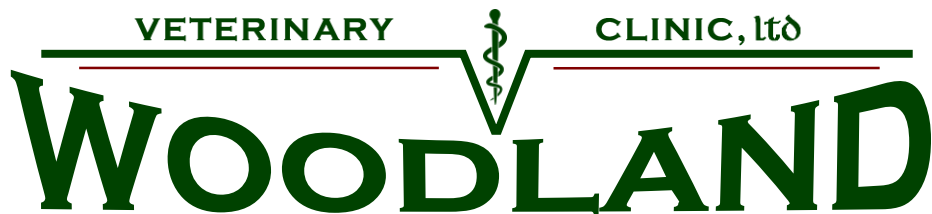


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WOODLAND

PUPPY VISIT #3

Final Puppy Vaccine Visit

Congratulations! This is the final puppy vaccine visit. Training should be paying dividends, and housetraining should be pretty well understood by your puppy by now. By completing the series of puppy vaccine visits, you have provided your puppy with the best possible protection against these diseases. Annual boosters will keep this protection at its most effective levels. After today's visit you will receive reminder notices when your puppy's annual boosters are due. Always feel free to call us with any questions or concerns you have about your dog's health.

VACCINATIONS

DHL4PP: Final "Distemper" booster inoculation. This booster will provide protection against these diseases for 1 year.

LYME: A Lyme booster is given today to those dogs who received the initial vaccine 3-4 weeks ago. This provides protection for 1 year. It is important to realize that tick control and removal is very important for every dog. Lyme vaccination does not eliminate the need to look for ticks and remove them when you find them.

RABIES: Your puppy will receive its first Rabies vaccine today. By law, this is a 1-year vaccine that should be boosted in 1 year. You will receive a Rabies vaccination certificate and tag today. The tag should be attached to your puppy's collar and the certificate should be kept in a safe place, as it is a legal proof of current Rabies vaccination.

FLEAS & TICKS

We continue to use Frontline Gold or NexGard for 9 months of the year, March through December, given every 30 days during tick season to dramatically reduce tick infestation on your dog. Any ticks found should be removed promptly.

HEARTWORMS

We again stress the importance of heartworm disease and monthly prevention. Your pet should have received at least its second dose of Heartgard Plus. After the puppy's first summer, annual blood testing for heartworm is required to continue the Heartgard+ prescription.

INTESTINAL PARASITES

If parasites were detected in a previous fecal exam and medicine was prescribed, a second fecal test should be performed to be assured that the treatment was effective in ridding those parasites.

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DENTAL CARE

We cannot overemphasize the importance of maintaining your puppy's dental hygiene. Hopefully your dog is accepting brushing its teeth, but for pets that are not accepting it, we strongly recommend Purina Pro Plan Dental Chewz, PhycoDent Rawhide Chews, or a dental product from our Online Store to help reduce plaque build-up and associated health problems.

PUPPY DEVELOPMENT

Training: Continue training with the Wisconsin Rapids Kennel Club and Purina Puppy Book.

Nutrition: Continue with the premium food following the feeding recommendations on the back of the bag according to your pet's weight.

Nail Care: Continue to check your dog's nails every 2 weeks; trim if needed.

SPAYING & NEUTERING

ALL dogs that aren't going to be used for breeding or showing *SHOULD* be spayed (females) or neutered (males) to prevent undesired pregnancies, as well as inevitable hormone related health problems.

SPAYING (ovariohysterectomy) prevents messy heat cycles and pregnancy, and decreases the future risk of breast cancer.

NEUTERING (castration) helps prevent hormone related behaviors such as leg lifting to urine mark in the house, mounting behavior, and roaming and howling when local females are in heat. Neutering also helps to prevent prostate problems and peri-anal tumors in older males.

Spaying or neutering can be performed as early as 6 months of age (AAHA Standard of Care). At our clinic, these surgeries are performed in the morning and your dog is sent home the same afternoon.

NEXT VISIT – ONE YEAR

You will receive a reminder notice for annual vaccine boosters and fecal exam 1 year after this final puppy visit. Heartworm tests are performed each year in order to continue using the prescription preventative.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

You're off to a great start with your pet's health care and preventative visits. Contact us as needed - we're here to help you and your dog with any questions and concerns.