

## Healthcare for Dogs



### Why vaccinate??

- ~ Vaccination protects against diseases, which can kill your dog or take a very long time to be cured and also may infect humans (Zoonosis) i.e. Leptospirosis
- ~ There are 4 major infectious diseases that are covered by routine vaccination.
- ~ These are Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis and Panovirus. Puppies must be protected against the major infectious diseases before they are taken or allowed outside.

### When to vaccinate??

- ~ Puppies should receive their parvo vaccination at 6-8 weeks old.
- ~ At 10-12 weeks old they should receive the 7 in one vaccine.
- ~ At 12-14 weeks old they should receive a booster shot.
- ~ All these injections must be a minimum of two weeks apart. Occasionally there may be tenderness around the vaccination site.
- ~ We recommend that you vaccinate against kennel cough, which is a separate intra nasal vaccine. Especially if you intend to put your dog into kennels.

- ~ Adult dogs also require a course of two injections, two weeks apart if they are being vaccinated for the first time.
- ~ Both puppies and adults, once they have had their initial course of injection will require a yearly booster shot to maintain their immunity.

### Flea treatment:

- ~ Fleas cause severe skin problems in dogs.
- ~ Treat your dog to prevent your home getting infested with fleas.
- ~ We recommend you routinely treat your dog using Frontline Spot on.

### Worming your dog:

- ~ Regularly dose your dog with a reliable wormer from your vets. Puppies should be wormed at 2-4 week intervals from 3 weeks of age until 12 weeks, then monthly until they are 6 months old. Thereafter it is recommended to worm every 3 months on an ongoing basis.

**Please talk to your pets' vet/nurse regarding any further information on vaccinations, flea/worming treatments and neutering.**

- ~ We recommend using Parazole on young puppies and then move onto Milbemax.
- ~ Encourage good hygiene from your children after handling your pet, especially before eating.
- ~ Always clear up immediately after pets foul the floor.

### Feeding:

- ~ We advise all dogs to be fed on dry food only. Feeding dry food promotes good oral health.
- ~ Puppies should be fed on Burns Mini chunk (puppy) until they are one year old.
- ~ Adults aged 1-5 should be fed on Burns food.
- ~ Older dogs should be fed on senior food (Burns)
- ~ For overweight dogs we advise them to be on a special diet (Hills R/D diet) and join our Weight loss programme.
- ~ Please talk to your vet/nurse to decide which diet is best for your pet.

### Neutering your dog:

#### Bitches:

- ~ Are spayed to avoid the continued problem of their seasons (heats) which occur twice yearly.
- ~ In season bitches attract male dogs and cause a lot of disruption and fighting.
- ~ Early neutering will significantly reduce the chances of mammary tumours later in life.
- ~ Neutering your bitch will avoid the occurrence of womb disease (pyometra), which is very common in un-neutered bitches and is life threatening.
- ~ We recommend neutering at 6 months of age.

#### Males:

- ~ Neutering avoids behavioural problems such as aggression, wandering and urine marking.
- ~ We recommend neutering at 6 months of age.