

**Congratulations on obtaining your new puppy! The following information is provided to help you understand what we feel are important steps to a healthy dog. Your pet's individual needs may vary.**

#### **WHEN YOUR PUPPY IS EIGHT WEEKS OLD**

**Comprehensive Medical Exam:** During this *comprehensive physical survey*, our doctor examines every part of your pet's body. All abnormalities, if any, are explained in understandable terms. If any diagnostics or treatments are necessary, we will provide an estimate of the costs. (\$76.95)

**Vaccinations:** The DA2PP vaccine *helps protect your puppy from respiratory and intestinal viruses* encountered in the environment, including: Distemper, Adenovirus, Parainfluenza and Parvovirus. (\$37.00)

**Deworming/flea medication:** *Most puppies are born with the roundworm parasite.* We emphasize the routine administration of dewormer for roundworms and hookworms. Both of these parasites contaminate the environment by shedding eggs in your pet's stool. *Young children are most susceptible* to illnesses caused by the ingestion of eggs residing in the environment. (\$22.00-\$50.00)

**RECOMMENDED READING:** *How to Raise a Puppy You Can Live With*, by Clarice Rutherford

#### **WHEN YOUR PUPPY IS 12 WEEKS OLD**

**Progress Evaluation:** We do another complete physical exam designed to detect abnormal changes in your pet's rapidly growing body. The Progress Evaluation gives you time to ask the doctor questions that arise during your first months with your new puppy. *Our goal is to communicate with you* about issues we feel are important to help you have a long, healthy, enjoyable relationship with your new pet. We discuss various issues, such as *genetic diseases, behavioral problems and spay/neuter information.* (\$54.95)

**Vaccinations:** The DA2LPP "boosts" the DA2PP given during your puppy's first visit. It contains the leptospiral vaccine, which *protects against kidney disease* caused by the bacteria-like leptospirochete. (\$37.00) - The **kennel cough** vaccine protects against a viral/bacterial disease that causes cold-like coughing symptoms. *Kennel cough is fairly contagious*, so we strongly recommend this vaccine for dogs that come into contact with other dogs in public, during obedience classes or while boarding at a kennel. (\$37.00)

**Fecal/Stool examination:** Several *intestinal parasites* can be diagnosed from looking at a stool sample under a microscope. This test is run after routine deworming to confirm your puppy is free of the *microscopic eggs shed by intestinal parasites.* We highly recommend checking a sample now and on an annual basis. (\$57.00) **Flea/parasite treatment.** (\$22.00-\$50.00)

#### **WHEN YOUR PUPPY IS 16 WEEKS OLD**

**Spaying or Neutering.** This is the ideal time to spay or neuter most pets. Our spay/neuter price includes *safe gas anesthesia and monitoring with an EKG and respiratory monitor.* (Spay and neuter fees vary according to weight and other factors. We will provide an estimate customized for your pet.)

**Vaccinations:** The final DA2LPP vaccine is administered at this time. (\$37.00) - The **Rabies** vaccination is given at this time. This vaccine protects dogs from the rabies virus, a potentially deadly virus that can be transmitted to humans bitten by a rabid animal. (\$38.00)

**Microchipping** is recommended at this time. The Home Again™ microchip is a safe, permanent, rice grain-sized identification device administered like a vaccine. Statistics show *one in three pets is lost* at some point in its lifetime, and *only one in ten lost pets is found.* Microchipping dramatically increases the likelihood of a pet's recovery (\$72.95 – includes registration in national database). **Flea/parasite treatment.** (\$22.00-\$50.00)

**ANNUAL RECOMMENDATIONS** for maintaining your dog's health: Comprehensive physical exam, vaccinations and parasite control as recommended for your pet's unique health needs.