

What we recommend for dogs

- All puppies should receive a complete series of vaccinations during their first 6 months of life.
- Dogs should receive appropriate booster vaccinations one year after the final vaccines in the puppy series, excluding dogs that showed serious side effects from any earlier vaccination
- The first rabies vaccination is required at 4 months from the date of birth in San Diego County. This first rabies vaccination is good for 1 year. There after, a booster vaccination is needed every 3 years.
- All dogs should have an annual physical. A thorough physical will help you and your veterinarian decide what is the best health care regimen for your dog, taking into consideration your life style and your dogs activities. This will include:
 - Deciding if vaccine titer or DHLPPC is most appropriate.
 - What other vaccines might be appropriate, including Bordetella, and Lyme disease.
 - Your pet's body condition and what type of food your pet should be on.
 - Which current external parasite control is best for your pet's life style.
 - Heartworm testing and prevention.
 - Blood work – either a senior panel for dogs over 7 or a junior panel for those under.
 - Urinalysis
 - Fecal testing for internal parasites for dogs that are outside in public places.
 - Current state of oral health.
- Dental cleaning should be scheduled as indicated by the findings of the physical.
- Basic dental care for healthy gums or mild gingivitis should include:
 - Brushing teeth every 2 – 3 days
 - CET chews
 - TD diet
- Prompt diagnosis and treatment of any medical problems.

Senior Dogs (over 7 years of age)

- ❖ In addition to the above annual physical senior dogs should have another less comprehensive exam 6 months later
- ❖ X-rays should be part of the annual physical

Always obtain prompt diagnosis and treatment of any medical problem

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