



PUPPY INFORMATION SHEET

So you have just picked up the new addition to your family! Why don't you book a **free nurse puppy check** at one of our branches, where they can give you lots of advice!

Vaccinations

It is important to vaccinate your puppy to give them immunity against some of the major infections to keep them healthy. Puppies are protected during the first few weeks of life by the antibodies passed to them via their mother's milk. However, this immunity fades at which point vaccination can take over in providing protection.

1st vaccination at 8 weeks of age

2nd vaccination 2 weeks later (puppy can go out a week after this vaccine but avoid farm land and water) ***It is important to begin their socialisation as soon as possible***

3rd vaccination 2 weeks later (4 weeks after first vaccination)- onset of immunity 3 weeks.

Then yearly boosters

This vaccination course will cover you puppy against Canine Parvovirus, Canine Distemper, Infectious Hepatitis, Canine Parainfluenza virus and Leptospirosis (4 strains).

Worming and Flea treatment

There are a number of different products available to protect your puppy against fleas, worms and ticks. Regular worm treatment is also important for human health.

We recommend worming your puppy every two weeks until they are 12 weeks of age. This can be done with panacur paste or a small worming tablet. Unless you have other dogs or cats your puppy will be at low risk from fleas at this age, so we normally only treat them if fleas are seen or your puppy is scratching a lot.

Once your puppy is vaccinated they will be ready to start venturing out into the world! It is important to now start a regular flea and worm regime. West Sussex and Surrey are a hotspot area for Lungworm. Your puppy/ dog can get this from eating slugs and snails.

Discuss with one of our vets what products will be best for you and your puppy.

Microchipping

As of April 2016 it will be the law for all dogs to be microchipped. Puppies are required to be microchipped and registered by 8 weeks of age. It is important that owners also keep all their contact details for the microchip up to date.

VIP plan

Our practice membership scheme provides pet owners with the support they need to help their pets stay fit and healthy (ask reception for a full information leaflet or see our website for full details www.breladesvets.com)

Neutering

Neutering stops unwanted behaviour and unwanted pregnancies. It is a routine surgical procedure, and they recover very quickly.

Please see our Neutering Information for Dogs sheet on our website.

Diet

A good balanced diet is very important for your puppy and also when they become an adult dog. Here is some information to help you pick a suitable diet:

- Check list for good diets:
 - They like the food
 - Good solid motions passed
 - Coat is shiny and skin healthy
 - No flatulence!
 - Able to maintain weight
- Some puppies will prefer wet food and some dry. It's not important at this age whether they have wet or dry food. Once they get all their adult teeth (usually by 1 year) dry food has been showed to improve dental hygiene.
- Puppies must be fed a puppy diet to ensure that they get the right levels of minerals and vitamins etc for growth. Most diets will have a guideline for feeding amounts on the back of the packet, but these can vary with individual animals. Checking your puppy and dog's body condition score and weight will tell you if you are feeding the right amounts- ask your vet or vet nurse to show you how to check this.
- Your puppy should be having 3- 4 meals a day. This can be slowly weaned down so by 6 months they should ideally be on 2 meals a day.

Why don't you pop down for a **free nurse puppy check** to get more advice!

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