

Keys to a Healthy Adult Dog (1-6 years old)



- **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.** A year between physical examinations for your dog is like seven years between annual examinations for us. We recommend examinations *every 6 months* to monitor and catch problems early
- **Annual Vaccinations against:**
 - ❖ **Canine Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Para influenza, Parvovirus**
 - ❖ **Rabies vaccine (every 1 or 3 years)**
 - ❖ **Giardia vaccine** – for dogs at risk
 - ❖ **Bordetella bronchiseptica (Kennel Cough)** should be boosted every 6-12 months, depending on dog's risk
 - ❖ **Lyme's Disease vaccine** - for dogs at risk
 - ❖ **Rattlesnake vaccine** – for dogs at risk
- **Annual Blood Parasite Test & Year-Round Heartworm Preventative.**
- Annual **Internal Parasite Examination** and **Strategic Deworming**. Regular (every 3 months) deworming is recommended for dogs that go outdoors (even for short periods of time).
- Dogs should be kept flea-free and not allowed to eat dead birds or rodents in order to prevent tapeworm infestation:
 - ❖ **FRONTLINE TOP SPOT, K9 ADVANTIX, COMFORTIS, PROMERIS, OR ADVANTAGE**
 - ❖ Regular House Treatment
- **Daily Exercise.** Provide toys that your dog cannot swallow. Avoid string toys and sewing needles, which can cause injury to the intestinal tract.
- **Feed the highest quality *Adult Dog* food you can afford.** Premium foods are much more digestible and result in healthier pet and less stools. In addition, they can add up to 2 years to your dog's life. Always choose an AAFCO approved adult diet. **We recommend and sell Royal Canin brand foods because we feel this particular food provides the best and most scientifically advanced nutrition available for senior dogs.**
- While you pet your dog daily, observe closely for any abnormalities, lumps, rashes, growths, fleas, etc. Grooming and Nail Trimming as Needed.
- Keep your pet under control; don't let it run loose.
- **Use DentAcetic Wipes, Oral Hygiene rinse, Oral Hygiene Drops or a pet toothpaste** to aid in the prevention of dental disease. Examine the teeth regularly for the possible need for dental cleaning. Also, feeding Enzadent Treats once or twice daily also reduce plaque and tartar buildup. **Ask us about these products - they really work!**
- **Experts estimate that keeping your dog's teeth clean can add 2-4 years to his or her life!** Tartar on teeth leads to kidney, liver, and heart valve infections, as well as loose, painful teeth.
- Have the dog's teeth cleaned when tartar begins to build up, or you detect bad breath or red gum lines. Pay particular attention to the "back teeth," where it often begins.
- Obtain an **I.D. Tag** to place on your pet's collar. It may be the only way a lost pet reaches its family. Or ask about **MICROCHIPPING** your pet!
- **Prevent obesity** in your dog by monitoring their weight every 3 months. If you think your dog is gaining weight, decrease his/her food amount by 10-20% and let your veterinarian know about the change in weight.
- Don't hesitate to ask our advice. We are here to help your dog live a long, healthy life. Preventative health care is much more than just vaccinations!

