

A Handy Checklist for annual checkups, for dogs of all ages.

WHAT TO ASK your veterinarian?

One of the most important ways to help keep your canine friend healthy and happy is a **veterinary examination** at least annually, at every stage of life. Use this checklist to help remind you what to ask your veterinarian. And if you ever have questions or concerns about your dog's health, call your veterinarian right away.



PUPPY 0-12 mos

- When should I get my puppy spayed/neutered?
- Should my puppy be microchipped?
- What and how often should I feed him? How much?
- Is there an optimal vaccination schedule?
- Are there behaviors I should encourage or discourage?
- When should I start brushing my puppy's teeth?
- Is there anything special I should know about my puppy's breed?

JUNIOR 13 mos-2 yrs

- How do I transition from puppy food to an adult diet?
- How much should my dog weigh?
- Does my pet need a fecal exam?
- What's the best way to brush a dog's teeth?
- What's the best way to deal with fleas, ticks and other parasites?

ADULT 3 yrs-6 yrs

- Is my dog at the right weight?
- Is it time for a dental cleaning?
- What vaccinations does my dog need?
- What can I do to keep my dog even healthier?
- What's the best way to deal with fleas, ticks and other parasites?

MATURE 7 yrs-10 yrs

- What signs of aging should I look for?
- Should I change my pet's diet?
- Does my dog need a dental cleaning?
- What vaccinations does my dog need?
- Is my dog the right weight?
- Does my dog need special blood tests or urinalysis?
- When should I bring my dog back for the next checkup?

SENIOR 11+

- What physical and behavioral changes should I be looking for?
- Should I change or supplement my pet's diet?
- Does my dog need a dental cleaning?
- Are there things I can do to keep my pet in better physical shape?
- Does my dog need special blood tests or urinalysis?
- When should I bring my dog back for the next checkup?

Additional information can be found on the Partners For Healthy Pets website at www.healthypetcheckup.org.

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