

Adult Canine Wellness Program

Annual Wellness Exam

Comprehensive Physical Exam

- Ears
- Mouth
- Eyes
- Skin
- Heart & Lungs
- Abdominal Palpation
- Joints
- Body Condition

Discussion Topics

- Health History
- Physical Exam Findings
- Nutrition
- Behavior
- Aging
- Internal & External Parasites
- Use of Heartguard® and NexGard®

Diagnostics

- Fecal Exam
- Heartworm Test (every other year)
- Elective CBC & Blood Chemistry

Vaccination and Dewormers

- Annual DA2PP Vaccine
- Annual Rabies Vaccine
- Annual Lepto Vaccine (Working, Hunting, and Farm Dogs)
- NexGard® or Advantix®
- Pyrantel® Dewormer
- Annual Bordatella

For more information, visit the American Animal Hospital Association website, www.aaha.org

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Wellness Vaccinations

Vaccines are the most important component of any wellness program. Vaccines stimulate immunity against the common contagious canine diseases. These diseases included Canine Distemper, Canine Contagious Hepatitis, Parainfluenza Virus, Parvo Virus, and Rabies. Dogs exposed to wildlife, livestock, and/or wet areas should also be vaccinated for Leptospirosis. The vaccines we use today do a great job of preventing a disease and are a must for any dog.

Wellness Internal Parasite Control

Internal parasites plague our pet population, even today. Heartworm is a parasite transmitted to dogs as a microscopic larvae in the saliva of mosquitoes. Once these worms develop into adults, they can inflict serious damage to your dog. They set up shop in the right side of the heart, obstructing blood flow causing heart disease. When the worms die, parts of them shower the lung and can cause a life threatening anaphylactic reaction, which often results in death. Treatment is also dangerous, so prevention is the key. Monthly heartworm preventative is the best way to ensure your dog does not become infected.

Other parasites reside in the digestive tract of your pet. Your pet becomes infected by ingesting eggs or immature larvae from the environment. Your pet can pick these up anywhere including your yard and the park. Some of these parasites absorb nutrients from the food of your pet while others suck blood from the intestinal walls. Either way, if these parasites are present in large enough numbers they can cause some serious problems for your pet. Heartguard® also serves as a once monthly dewormer to rid your pet of these troublesome parasites.

Proheart®6 is a 6-month injectable that prevents the most serious parasite infections and eliminates the need for remembering monthly pills. Proheart®6 can be started when your pet is 6 months old. We send a reminder every 6 months for your convenience. Iverhart Max® is a monthly pill that will also protect against parasites.

Wellness External Parasite Control

Fleas, ticks and mites are the most common external parasites plaguing pets and their owners. Fleas, ticks, and some mites survive by sucking blood from your pet, while other mites literally chew on the outer layer of your pet's skin. Fleas and mites cause serious irritation to your pets skin which results in constant scratching, hair loss, and even skin infections. Fleas can also give your pet tape worms during normal grooming if your pet ingests the flea. Ticks have the potential to carry blood-borne parasites from animal to animal, or animal to human. NexGard® and Advantix® are products we carry for flea and tick prevention. We've seen how well they keep pets free of fleas and ticks.

Preventing Dental Disease

Dental disease is the most common disease in pets today, with up to 80% of dogs and cats affected by 2 years of age. Your pet will require a dental at some point early in it's life, and most need yearly cleanings. We will evaluate your dog's dental health at our yearly visit and can discuss the frequency of dental cleanings, as some pet may not require this yearly. We also strongly recommend the use of our HealthyMouth products. HealthyMouth is an all natural formulation of enzymes specifically used to prevent and even decrease dental disease in dogs and cats. Ask us about it at your next visit, or read more on our website.