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## PUPPY COMPREHENSIVE CARE PACKAGE

During your puppy's first four months of life, we recommend veterinary check-ups every 3 to 4 weeks for routine physical examinations, vaccinations, and dewormings. These visits are also designed to provide you with an opportunity to discuss your questions or concerns about your new pet with our veterinarians and staff. You will meet with Dr. Suzy or Dr. Meusel at each visit and one of our staff members will call you the following day to answer any additional questions that you may have. Although we tailor our care to each individual puppy's needs, below is a list of what you can expect at each visit:

### ***First Puppy Examination (6-8 weeks of age):***

Comprehensive physical examination – 30 minutes  
DA2PP combination vaccination – puppy series  
Deworming medication administered  
Fecal examination performed  
Flea medication – Nexgard or Vectra  
Appointment scheduled for: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Second Puppy Examination (10-12 weeks of age):***

Comprehensive physical examination – 15 minutes  
DA2PP combination vaccination – puppy series  
Bordetella vaccination – puppy series  
Deworming medication administered  
Flea prevention – Nexgard or Vectra  
Appointment scheduled for: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Third Puppy Examination (14-16 weeks of age):***

Comprehensive Physical Examination – 15 minutes  
DA2PP combination vaccination – puppy series  
Bordetella vaccination – puppy series  
Rabies vaccination -- annual  
Dewormer and/or Heartworm preventative administered  
Flea prevention – Nexgard or Vectra  
Microchip implanted  
Appointment scheduled for: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Vaccinations:***

Your puppy will receive a series of vaccinations between 8 and 16 weeks of age. During this time, your puppy's immune system is building the strength to fight disease. Although there are many contagious diseases that can be harmful or fatal to your puppy, most of these are preventable through vaccination. The following vaccines are recommended for your pet:

### **DA2PP** – *Distemper, Adenovirus II (Hepatitis), Parvovirus, and Parainfluenza.*

- *Parvovirus* – This is a viral infection that causes a severe debilitating gastrointestinal illness. This is transmitted by oral contact with fecal material of an infected dog. However, the virus can live in the environment for months to years, so there may be virus present in the environment even when there is no longer visible evidence that a dog has been there. Until the vaccine series is completed at 4 months of age, your puppy is at risk for contracting Parvo and therefore should be kept confined to your home and yard. When you do take your puppy outside of your home, carry him or her in your arms. After the final set of vaccinations at 16 weeks of age, your puppy will be ready to socialize with other dogs, go to the park and the beach, and enroll in training classes.
- *Distemper* – Distemper can be a fatal infection but is preventable with vaccination. The virus attacks the central nervous system but can also affect the respiratory and gastrointestinal tracts.
- *Parainfluenza* – Parainfluenza is a highly contagious respiratory virus that can cause fever, lethargy, coughing, and nasal discharge.

**Rabies** – Rabies is a fatal viral infection. The virus is shed in saliva and is commonly transmitted from bite wounds by an infected animal. This vaccine is given once during puppyhood at 16 weeks of age.

**Bordetella** – This is a bacterial infection that is part of the Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex. A dry cough is the most common clinical sign. This vaccine will not prevent contracting the disease but will shorten the duration and severity of the disease.

After the puppy vaccine series is completed, all vaccines will be boosted again in one year. Adult dogs (older than one year) should receive the Bordetella vaccine every year and the Distemper-Parvo and Rabies vaccines every three years on a rotation.

At Cambria Animal Medical Center, we have selected the vaccines that we feel are the safest for your pet. Our DA2PP vaccine is a low-volume vaccine, and provides the same protection for your pet in a more comfortable injection with 50% less volume of traditional vaccines. We also have chosen an oral Bordetella vaccine, so this vaccine no longer involves another needle stick.

### ***Flea and Tick Prevention:***

Fleas can make your puppy miserable. It only takes one flea bite to cause an allergic reaction and itching, and some pets even develop skin infections as a result of flea allergies. Common signs of flea infestation include licking and biting at the base of the tail and the belly, and scratching around the neck and ears. If you see these signs, it is likely that your puppy is suffering from flea bites, even if you never find a flea! In addition, your puppy can acquire tapeworms by ingestion of fleas during self grooming.

Ticks are also a very common problem in Cambria; ticks commonly seek out and attach to areas of your pet that are warm and rich in blood supply, such as the armpits, belly, and around the ears. Not only can tick bites be uncomfortable for your dog, ticks can transmit very serious diseases to your dog, such as Lyme disease, Ehrlichiosis, and Anaplasmosis.

For these reasons, we strongly recommend that you routinely use flea and/or tick control product to protect your puppy. There are several topical and oral options for your pet, and we will discuss with you which is best to keep your puppy protected.

### ***Heartworm Prevention:***

We recommend that all dogs be given heartworm preventative medication throughout their lives. Heartworm is a parasitic disease that is transmitted between animals by mosquitoes. The parasite infects the heart and if left untreated, the disease is 100% fatal. In conjunction with preventative medication, we recommend that all dogs be tested yearly for heartworm infection (a simple blood test). We offer Heartgard Plus for heartworm prevention; this is a tasty oral chew that is given once monthly to help prevent heartworm disease and also provide routine intestinal deworming.

### ***Fecal Examination (for intestinal parasites):***

A puppy or dog may be infected with an intestinal parasite without showing any symptoms. Therefore, we recommend that all puppies have a fecal examination performed to ensure they are not carriers of any parasites, such as tapeworms, roundworms, *Coccidia*, and *Giardia*. Additionally, we recommend that adult dogs have yearly fecal examinations. This is especially important for households with children, as some intestinal parasites are zoonotic (able to infect humans) and children are often at greatest risk.

### ***Spaying or neutering:***

We will discuss with you the best time to spay or neuter your young dog. If you decide to spay or neuter your pet, these surgical procedures are performed on an out-patient basis, meaning your pet will stay with us for the day but will be able to go home with you

in the afternoon. During these anesthetic procedures, we use state of the art equipment to monitor your pet's vital signs and to ensure their safety.

It is behaviorally beneficial to spay or neuter your pet early in life. For example, neutering male dogs before they reach sexual maturity may prevent the development of many unwanted behaviors.

The benefits of neutering your male dog include the following:

- Reducing urine marking behavior
- Eliminating mounting and aggressive behaviors
- Reducing the risk of prostate disease
- Reducing roaming behavior

The benefits of spaying your female dog include the following:

- Eliminating unwanted heats and the messy discharge associated with heats
- Reducing the risk of mammary cancer and eliminating the risk of ovarian and uterine cancer
- Eliminating the risk of pregnancy
- Eliminating the risk of pyometra, a life-threatening uterine infection

#### ***Microchips:***

A microchip is a device that is used to identify your pet if he or she is lost. The microchip, about the size of a grain of rice, is implanted under your pet's skin between the shoulder blades. Veterinary clinics and shelters scan for microchips on all stray pets. If your pet has a microchip, his or her individual identification number is used to reunite you with your pet. A microchip is also required for international travel. We can microchip your pet at any time; however, many pet owners choose to have the microchip implanted at the time of the spay or neuter surgery.

*Please do not hesitate to call us at 805.927.7000  
if you have any questions or concerns about your kitten.  
Our friendly and knowledgeable veterinarians and staff members  
are always available to answer your questions.  
We look forward to getting to know the newest member of your family!*



Visit #1 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ DVM: \_\_\_\_\_ OPT: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Initials	
	Comprehensive Examination (30 minute)
	DA2PP
	Dewormer: Strongid or Drontal
	Flea control: Nexgard or Vectra
	Nail trim demonstration
	Discuss microchip implantation today or at time of OVH/castration.
	Discuss feeding/BCS, exercise, socialization/introduction to controlled environments, obedience training, potty training, timing of OVH/castration
	Schedule next appointment in 3-4 weeks.

Visit #2 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ DVM: \_\_\_\_\_ OPT: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Initials	
	Brief Examination (15 minute)
	DA2PP
	Bordetella
	Dewormer: Strongid or Drontal
	Submit fecal sample T808
	Flea control: Nexgard or Vectra
	Revisit above topics and choose flea control.
	Schedule next appointment in 3-4 weeks.

Visit #3 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ DVM: \_\_\_\_\_ OPT: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Initials	
	Brief Examination (15 minute)
	Rabies vaccine – annual
	DA2PP – annual
	Bordetella – annual
	Dewormer: Strongid or Drontal or Heartgard
	Flea control: Nexgard or Vectra
	Revisit above topics and choose flea control and/or heartworm preventati
	Discuss Leptospirosis and Rattlesnake vaccines; schedule boosters for at-risk puppies.
	Present treatment plan for OVH/castration, schedule pre-op labwork and surgery.

