

BRIDGEWATER VETERINARY HOSPITAL

NEW PUPPY PROGRAM

6-8 weeks of age:

A complete physical exam is performed, the first DHPP inoculation is given and a fecal (stool) sample is checked for internal parasites. (Roundworms, Hookworms, Whipworms, etc.).

9-12 weeks of age:

A physical exam is performed, the second DHPP inoculation is given and a fecal sample may be rechecked if your puppy's last sample was positive. If you wish to vaccinate for Lyme disease or Bordetella the first inoculations may be done at this time.

14-18 weeks of age:

A physical exam is performed, and the final DHPP vaccination is given. Second and final Lyme or Bordetella may also be given. Rabies inoculation is administered, all of which are effective for one year.

A maximum of 2 vaccines are given at a time to minimize risks, reactions, and poor immune system response.

6 months of age:

This is the ideal time to have your female dog spayed, or your male dog neutered. The benefits far outweigh the risk of surgery and can help your pet to live a longer, healthier lifetime.

Spaying a female eliminates the heat cycle and the messy discharge that comes with it. Spaying also eliminates uterine diseases, infections and cancers, mastitis, ovarian cysts, even miscarriage. Almost half of unspayed dogs develop breast tumors, while early spaying significantly decreases this risk.

Neutering a male is not cruel and it does not make a dog feel any less masculine. On the contrary, it makes him a much more desirable companion! It stops the mating drive so he will be less likely to roam or fight, reduces mounting behavior, reduces the risk of prostate cancer and eliminates the risk of testicular tumors.

In addition to being the best for your companion's health, altering your dog also helps to control pet populations. If you have any questions or reservations regarding this procedure we strongly urge you to discuss them with one of our doctors or staff members!

Don't forget to insure your dog's continued protection! Twice yearly visits to Bridgewater Veterinary Hospital are essential and DHPP, Bordetella, Lyme, and Rabies boosters need to be updated along with yearly heartworm, lyme, and fecal testing. Heartworm, flea, and tick prevention are also continue throughout the year.

691 ROUTE 202/206 NORTH • BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

908.704.6700

WWW.BRIDGEWATERVET.COM