



# MacCormick Veterinary Services

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## Important Things to Protect the Health of Your Adult Dog

- 1- We recommend an exam and vaccines annually to detect health conditions early and prevent infectious diseases.
- 2- Lyme disease is becoming more prevalent in Eastern Ontario as tick numbers grow. As ticks are active when temperatures are above 0 degrees Celsius, a good tick preventative product should be used all 12 months of the year in this area. Ask us about which product would be best.
- 3- The Leptospirosis vaccine is part of our annual core vaccines. This bacteria is shed in the urine of wild mammals (Skunks, Raccoons).
- 4- It is also recommended to vaccinate against Lyme bacteria (Borrelia) annually.
- 5- Many tick prevention products also treat prevent fleas and heartworm disease. We recommend an annual blood test to make sure your dog is negative for heartworm and other tick-borne diseases.
- 6- It is recommended to deworm your dog annually. A fecal test can be done at any time to detect intestinal parasites.
- 7- Early disease detection is crucial to help your pet live a long and healthy life. Blood screening and urine testing allows us to evaluate your pet's organ health and are recommended annually for pets starting at age 7.
- 8- Pets need oral care just like we do. Brushing with an enzymatic toothpaste (approved for dogs and cats) is the best preventative action for a healthy mouth. If you cannot brush then a dental diet available from your veterinarian can help prevent plaque and gingivitis. We offer routine tooth cleaning and dental assessment for dogs and cats to keep them healthy.
- 9- A good quality food is important for maintaining your pet's health. Our pet health care team members would be happy to share some recommendations for your pets.
- 10- We want to prevent your dog from being overweight. Obesity increases serious health risks.

We believe that medical insurance for your pet is an important part of caring for them. It can help you budget for unexpected illnesses and injuries that you otherwise may not be able to afford. There are many companies and options for coverage available, so we recommend that you carefully research which option is best for you.