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Puppies: Important things you should know

- 1- Most puppies have intestinal parasites (worms) and should be dewormed throughout their first 6 months. Routine fecal floats are recommended to make sure intestinal parasites are being controlled.
- 2- Vaccines are given to puppies ideally at 8, 12, and 16 weeks of age. Vaccines are then given annually with an exam.
- 3- Bordetella Vaccine (also known as Kennel Cough) is recommended for those dogs who will be in close contact with other dogs (groomers, boarding, puppy school, waterfront, dog parks, etc)
- 4- Tick prevention is the single most effective way to prevent Lyme disease. 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.
- 5- The best protection against Lyme disease is to combine the Lyme vaccine with a monthly tick control product. It is also important to check your dog for ticks and remove any promptly.
- 6- Spaying/neutering your pet is recommended. Preanesthetic blood work is recommended to evaluate liver and kidney function before surgery. Intravenous fluids during surgery are included.
- 7- Microchip insertion helps identify your pet if he or she is lost or stolen. This can be done during an appointment or at the time of your pet's spay and neuter, when they are sedated.
- 8- Good quality food is worth the investment for your dog. Puppies should be on a development or puppy food until they are 10-12 months of age. Large and giant breeds require a large breed formula and should be on this diet until 18 months of age.
- 9- Obedience training is always a good idea. It is also beneficial to play with your dog's ears, mouth, and paws to get them used to ear cleaning, brushing, and nail trimming.
- 10- Daily oral care is recommended to prevent tartar build up. Brushing daily with an enzymatic toothpaste formulated for dogs is the best way to care for your dog's teeth.

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.