

Looking after your Puppy



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6–12 Weeks of age:

- 6 week worming dose
- 8 week worming dose
- First vaccination
- 10 week worming dose
- First application of flea/tick prevention
- Enrol in puppy preschool
- Compulsory micro-chipping
- Meals at least 3 times daily with puppy food

3–6 months of age:

- 12 week worming dose
- Start heartworm prevention (injection or monthly treatment)
- Second vaccination
- Meals at least 2 times daily with puppy food
- 12 week flea/tick prevention application
- Top-up fortnightly tick prevention application
- 4 month worming dose +/- heartworm
- 4 month flea/tick prevention application
- Top-up fortnightly tick prevention application
- 5 month worming dose +/- heartworm
- 5 month flea/tick prevention application
- Top-up fortnightly tick prevention application

6 months of age onwards:

- Desexing
- 6 month worming dose (every 3 months from now on)
- Heartworm prevention (2nd injection or continue monthly treatment)
- Meals can be once a day, transition from puppy food at age appropriate for breed
- Monthly flea/tick prevention application
- Top-up fortnightly tick prevention application

General Care:

- Fresh water must be provided daily
- Shelter from the weather is essential
- Dry & draught-free bedding must be provided
- Bones should be raw not cooked
- Dogs need to be groomed, including feet, ears & face
- Puppy pre-school is highly recommended: this will help with socialization, handling your dog, making visits to the vets much easier
- Fenced escape-proof yards must be provided
- All dogs need quality time with you. Set aside this time every day
- Regular check on weight gain. Ask your vet for nutrition information
- You must clean up after your dog in public
- Do not leave dogs unattended in cars with the windows up. This can kill a dog in minutes in hot weather
- All dogs need love, affection and they will be loyal and loving in return

