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**DAYCARE FUN
IN THE SHADE!**

**bee wise
IMMUNIZE!**

SEE PAGES 2 & 3 FOR INFORMATION
TO HELP KEEP YOUR PETS HEALTHY



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BEE WISE CANINE

Why should you vaccinate your pet?

There are several illnesses pets are exposed to that can seriously affect their health. Some of them can also affect your health. Whether your pet is indoor or outdoor, he or she can be exposed. Many diseases are airborne and you can carry them home on yourself, your shoes or your clothing.

Contact your veterinarian to schedule an appointment for vaccines, and keep your furry friends happy and healthy!



VACCINES GIVEN DUE TO EXPOSURE

- ∞ Leptosporosis, bacteria spread through contaminated urine of wild animals. Can cause kidney disease & liver failure in dogs - & humans! Part of yearly vaccine schedule.
- ∞ Lyme, A bacterial infection spread by ticks endemic to Pennsylvania. Signs mimic arthritis and can become chronic. Vaccine given as series of 2, then yearly.
- ∞ Influenza: A highly contagious virus spread via nasal and salivary secretions on contact or airborne. Bi-valent vaccine given as series of 2, then yearly.
- ∞ Bordetella: Common bacterial infection of the upper respiratory tract, spread through contact with nasal/salivary secretions directly or airborne. Many dogs carry Bordetella without clinical signs. Nasal vaccine has quickest onset and most complete protection.

Commonly Recommended Dog Vaccines



Rabies REQUIRED BY LAW

DHLPP

Bordetella

Influenza

Lyme Disease

WHAT IS THE "DHPP" VACCINE?

DHPP, aka canine distemper-parvo vaccine, covers:

- ∞ **Distemper:** a life-threatening, airborne virus affecting the brain and the nervous, digestive and respiratory systems
- ∞ **Hepatitis:** affects the liver, eyes and respiratory system. Caused by canine adenoviruses 1 & 2 and transmitted through saliva, urine or fecal matter.
- ∞ **Parvovirus:** a life-threatening virus attacking digestive and immune systems, transmitted via fecal matter
- ∞ **Parainfluenza:** a highly contagious viral respiratory infection, usually airborne
- ∞ Sometimes given as DHLPP, including the vaccine for **Leptospirosis**



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BEE WISE FELINE

Why should you vaccinate your pet?

Cats are also exposed to diseases that can seriously affect their health, and yours. This happens inside and outside. If your inside kitty tends to sit by the screen, he or she is exposed to not only airborne diseases, but also things carried by animals which come in contact with the outside of the windowsill or screen.

Even without the windows, many diseases are airborne and you can carry them home on yourself, your shoes or your clothing. Be aware of what is in your area, and vaccinate accordingly. Contact your veterinarian to schedule an appointment for vaccines, and keep your furry friends happy and healthy!



Commonly Recommended Cat Vaccines

Rabies REQUIRED BY LAW

Feline Leukemia

FVRCP

FIV



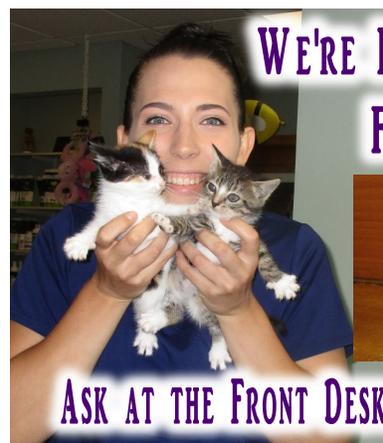
VACCINES GIVEN DUE TO EXPOSURE

- ∞ FIV- Feline AIDS- though usually not life-threatening, has no cure. Most common among stray male cats bitten or scratched by other infected cats. Vaccine generally not recommended unless FIV positive cat in house.
- ∞ Feline Leukemia: highly contagious virus spread through saliva of infected cats. Causes immunosuppression and types of aggressive cancer. Vaccinate yearly if any possibility of exposure.
- ∞ Chlamydia - Common bacterial infection of eyes & respiratory tract in kittens and cats. Vaccinate yearly.

WHAT IS THE "FVRCP" VACCINE?

The FVRCP vaccine covers:

- ∞ Feline Rinotracheitis: an upper respiratory or pulmonary infection caused by feline herpesvirus 1.
- ∞ Calicivirus: contagious pathogen causing ulceration of mouth and upper airways.
- ∞ Panleukopenia: aka feline parvo/distemper. Potentially fatal, highly transmissible gastrointestinal pathogen.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME!



ASK AT THE FRONT DESK FOR DETAILS!

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YOU SAID YOU WANT A PUPPY OR KITTEN? HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR FINDING A GOOD BREEDER

It sounds soooo easy...

I want a puppy!

You go to a store, or maybe someone you heard of who has puppies. A few months, maybe a year or two later, the problems start. Genetic problems your beloved puppy is having. And then you find out the breeder you purchased from is unethical. *And you really wish you'd known to check before.*

Unfortunately, it's happening more and more. Puppies are a big bucks business. *So what do you do to avoid the traps?*

Our first recommendation is - research. If you Google the name of the company/breeder, you can find lists of reviews. Google will also show visible overall star ratings right on the search page.

- ∞ Make sure the sources you check are reputable, not every animal group has been around long enough, or has enough resources to be able to help you find the truth.
- ∞ Check how many reviewers the site contacted. 500+ reviews should give a more accurate assessment than 25.

Picking Your Puppy/Kitten

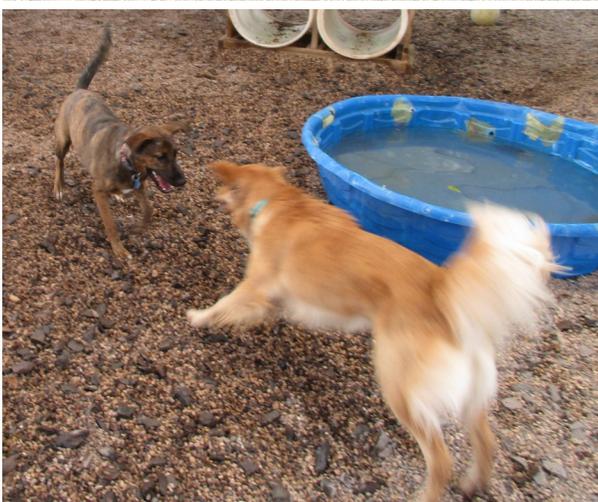
Things to Think About:

- ⇒ Cat or dog? Which fits you best? Cats generally require less attention, but dogs tend to play/interact with you more.
- ⇒ Allergies? Yours or anyone who comes over regularly.
- ⇒ Pet size and your living arrangements. You may love a German Shephard or Saint Bernard, but will it fit in your place and be well exercised in your yard?
- ⇒ Age? Do you have time for house-training?
- ⇒ Energy Level. Lap dog? Jogging buddy? (those may not be the same thing!)
- ⇒ Quiet? Yappy? Scary bark to keep people out? (scary barkers can still be loving and gentle!)
- ⇒ Fur. What about the fur? Do you need one that doesn't shed much?
- ⇒ Don't forget the drool. How much is ok?
- ⇒ Genetics: what problems may come up? PetMD's Breedopedia can be very helpful.

You can research the breeds for characteristics like these, to help ensure a happy family.

BREEDERS: STEPS TO FIND A GOOD ONE

- Make a list of breeders who deal with the breed you are interested in
- Do a little research: Dog societies, friends with dogs, and vets are a good source of information. Cross breeders with a consistent record of bad reviews off your list.
- Online reviews: do they come with pictures and stories of the dogs as adults? Sites that are geared towards pet owners (not breeders) are another wealth of information. People will often post about both good and bad experiences through these sites.
- Questions for the breeder: are they registered? Do they offer a guarantee against genetic defects? How do they keep defects to a minimum in their breeding? What documentation do they have to prove pedigree? (and be sure you receive the documents *with* the pup)
- Visit each breeder. If the animals are not kept in clean, safe surroundings, you may end up paying more than you planned in vet bills. Dogs should appear lively, clean, and not shy away from visitors. Reputable breeders will usually offer only one-two breeds, and will offer vet records for individual pups.
- Meet the parents. Character traits are often passed on to their young.



August was **VACCINATION AWARENESS** Month
September is **ANIMAL PAIN AWARENESS** Month
 and **NATIONAL SERVICE DOG** Month
 and hosts **NATIONAL PET MEMORIAL** Day
 and **WORLD RABIES** Day

SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION & ARTICLES!

AW!! YOUR PET HAD SURGERY?

There are myriad reasons for surgery, and a host of things to do or watch for afterwards. Many things affect the outcome, including what you are able to do at home.

If your pet had surgery, the most important thing to do is

Follow the Post-Surgical Directions

Be sure to give any pain meds the vet prescribed. This will help your pet's system with the healing process. Your pet will not always show that he or she is having difficulty in ways that you expect. Your instructions should tell you what to watch for, what to do, and what not to do.

HOMECOMING: Usually, you'll need to restrict movement until the stitches come out, so be sure to think about the logistics of this before you bring your pet home. Here are a few things you may need to prepare for:

- ∞ *do you need a crate or to set up?*
- ∞ *or things moved around?*
- ∞ *will he/she be able to walk on those slippery hardwood, linoleum or tile floors?*
- ∞ *Is it ok for him/her to climb stairs?*

BE SURE TO ASK YOUR VET ABOUT ANYTHING THAT IS UNCLEAR!



IS THIS NORMAL?

NORMALS	ABNORMALS
∞ Swelling around the incision and to the repaired body part (for 3-4 days)	∞ Swelling that lasts longer than 3-4 days
∞ Bruising around the incision	∞ Bruising in areas other than the incision site
∞ A small amount of discharge from the incision that is clear or even a little blood tinged	∞ Discharge that is not clear
∞ Discomfort around incision & that body part	∞ Large amounts of discharge
∞ Warm to the touch around the incision	∞ Foul odor at incision site
	∞ Discomfort that is not alleviated with ice application and the pain medication prescribed by your veterinarian
	∞ Discomfort that causes your pet to cry out or bite

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