



The Wild Vet Animal Hospital

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Puppy Care Information

Vaccinations

The Wild Vet recommends that puppies are vaccinated against Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, and Kennel Cough (Bordetella Bronchiseptica and Parainfluenza). With the cases of Leptospirosis presenting through Sydney since 2019, we are now recommending vaccination against Leptospirosis and Coronavirus as well. The vaccines we use at The Wild Vet allow us to administer them earlier than others which means that you and your pet can socialise even earlier!

- First Puppy Vaccination is given at 6 - 8 weeks
- Second Puppy Vaccination is given at 10 weeks
- Third Puppy Vaccination is given at 12 weeks
- Optional Fourth Puppy Vaccination at 16 weeks or older (as per WSAVA recommendations, however the vaccine brand we use is registered for an early finish - it is best to discuss with a vet during your next visit)
- Adult dogs: we recommend an annual vaccination from 15 months onwards. We also offer antibody titre testing for Canine Parvovirus, Distemper and Hepatitis (C3). While we still recommend annual vaccinations for Kennel Cough and Leptospirosis/Coronavirus, titre testing is a great alternative to the triennial C3 vaccination.

Parasites

Along with vaccinations, we protect our pets against a range of parasites. Some of these parasites are deadly to our fur babies, and others can be transmitted to humans, so it is important they are all prevented year-round.

- Heartworm
- Ticks
- Fleas
- Intestinal Worms
 - Roundworm
 - Whipworm
 - Hookworm
 - Tapeworm

Worming prevention is given fortnightly to puppies before they are 12 weeks of age, then we worm puppies monthly until 6 months of age. At this point, worming can be reduced to quarterly if a heartworm injection is given. Otherwise worming will remain on a monthly schedule.

Fleas and ticks should be prevented throughout the year, even in the cooler months. There are a range of products on the market with a variety of treatment dates, so please speak with one of our experienced vets or nurses to create the best parasite prevention plan for you and your puppy.

At The Wild Vet, our recommended parasite prevention plan is Bravecto Spot-On every 6 months for fleas and ticks, Milpro for intestinal worms every 3 months after 6 months of age, and a Proheart injection for comprehensive heartworm prevention (given at 12 weeks, 6 months, then synced up with annual vaccinations).

Desexing

The Wild Vet bases its recommendations for desexing on the current advice provided by the Australian Veterinary Association.

Generally, we recommend desexing your puppy at 6 months of age, however, there is variability depending on your dog's breed and behaviours. If you have questions about desexing your pet, please discuss them with one of our vets at your next consultation. There are many benefits to desexing your dog, including cheaper registration fees, no unwanted litters of puppies, reduced risk of cancers, and reduced behavioural problems.

The desexing surgery is performed under general anaesthetic during a day procedure. The surgery is monitored by a qualified nurse and anaesthetist and performed by an experienced veterinarian. We provide the options of pre-anaesthetic blood testing in-house as well as intravenous fluids during the surgery for improved recovery.



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Microchipping

It is a legal requirement in NSW for all pets to be microchipped either before 12 weeks of age, or before they are sold. It is important that you transfer the details on your pet's microchip to your own from the breeder or rescue group when you get your puppy home. This will ensure quick contact with you if they ever get lost.

By 6 months of age, your local council requires you to register your pet with them. For further information, and fee details for registration, please contact your council, or head to the Pet Registry website here: www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au

Diet

We recommend starting your puppy on a high quality diet from Hill's Pet Nutrition. We stock both Hill's Science Diet and Vet Essentials at The Wild Vet, and these are available in dry and wet food options depending on your puppy's preference. A premium diet provides a complete and balanced food for your growing puppy, and is an important factor in their healthy development.

There are quite a few foods that are toxic for your puppy. The list below is not a comprehensive one, and if you are ever concerned about something your dog has ingested, please contact The Wild Vet immediately on 1300 945 3838.

Toxic or dangerous foods for your dog:

- Chocolate
- Cooked bones
- Garlic
- Onions
- Macadamia nuts
- Grapes, raisins and currants
- Chewing gum (contains Xylitol, a common artificial sweetener)

Training your Puppy

Puppy School is a crucial part of the development of every new puppy. At The Wild Vet, we offer puppy classes through Paws And Think, which are run by the experienced Shelley Aukett. At puppy school, your newest family member will learn the benefits of socialisation, along with basic commands and behaviours. In our puppy school graduates, we happily have a reduction in anxiety, increase in resilience, and improved social skills with both humans and other dogs.

Insurance

Pet insurance is an item to start thinking about from day one of bringing a new puppy into your home. While we may have a happy, healthy, and downright adorable new fur baby right now, insurance is there for those unexpected accidents and illnesses that we haven't necessarily planned for financially. There are plenty of companies offering pet insurance, and it is up to you to do some research to find the policy and company that suits you.

We are so excited to welcome you and your new puppy to The Wild Vet. Remember that we're here to help, so if you ever have a question, however small or simple, just head on in, or give us a call on 1300 945 383, and our friendly team will be happy to assist!



Dr Emma & The Wild Vet Team





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