

## Here to help

Our aim at Ashley Veterinary Centre is to provide a welcoming and caring environment for you and your pet to visit in times of sickness and in health. We are strong believers in treating the whole animal not just the medical condition and we have very high standards of clinical care.

We enjoy getting to know both you and your pets, and nothing brings us greater joy than to watch your puppies, kittens and other baby animals grow up into healthy members of the family!

The whole team are here to provide long term care throughout your pet's life, and we are always available for advice and to help you give the best care to your pets.

Please feel free to contact the surgery on 0141 959 6100 at any time to talk to a member of staff.

To spread the cost of routine and preventative care for your puppy, you may wish to consider our Ashley Vets Healthy Paws Plan. The scheme includes:

- Annual booster vaccinations
- Full clinical examinations twice yearly
- Year round worming prevention
- Year round flea prevention
- Additional discounts on other selected services and products in the practice

Ask us for more information.

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## Puppy Information Package

*Some information which will help give you ideas about how to care for your new puppy and a few things for you to think about to make sure your new pet is healthy and happy!*



## Vaccinations

All new puppies should be vaccinated. This helps to protect them from fatal diseases that they can catch from other dogs, off the pavements outside and even from dirt you may bring in on your shoes! Puppies need two vaccinations two weeks apart followed by an annual booster to ensure they are fully protected for life. These vaccinations can be given once the puppy is 8 weeks of age.

## Worming Treatment

It is very important that puppies are wormed on a regular basis. Many young puppies have worms but this can be easily treated. We advise that all puppies are given a worming treatment every 2 weeks until they are 12 weeks, then once a month until they are 6 months old then every 3 months thereafter. As an adult dog this is a preventative treatment to avoid a worm burden becoming a problem.

## Flea Treatment

Flea prevention is very important from a young age to avoid fleas becoming a problem in your home. We would advise that a flea treatment is used once a month to prevent your puppy catching fleas. As with the worming treatment this should be continued for the lifetime of your dog.

## Microchipping

Microchipping is a very useful method of helping to reunite you with your dog should he/she be stolen or run away. The microchip is a small rice-like chip that is implanted into the back of the dog's neck using a needle. This can then be scanned and an individual number is then registered with an independent company that will store your details should your pet go missing. If this should happen and he or she is scanned when found you will be contacted and reunited with your pet as soon as possible.

## Insurance

As with any other insurance policy, pet insurance provides a support should your pet require any expensive or regular treatment creating a large bill over time. There are many policies available to new pet owners and therefore it is advisable to 'shop around'. It is important that you find a policy that will cover your pet for a condition for its lifetime (a lifelong policy) rather than one that will only pay for a year of treatment for a condition.

## Diet

When you bring your new puppy home from the breeder you are often given a set menu that you should follow for your puppy. In order to avoid upsetting your puppy's stomach it is important that its diet is altered gradually but you can change from the breeder's recommendations. A complete dry puppy food is a good option for feeding puppies. This will provide them with all the nutrients and energy that they need to grow and develop. These foods can then be changed at a later date for a complete food suitable for the age of the dog i.e. junior, adult, senior diets.

## Puppy Socialisation

Puppy socialisation is very important for a new puppy, once it has completed its initial vaccination course in order to get him/her used to playing with other dogs and interacting with yourself and others. Although some puppies can be quite lively and confident in their home they are often quite scared when they face the big, bad world. Many of these classes will also provide you with training advice to help you train your new pup to walk on a lead etc.

## Neutering

Both bitches and dogs can be neutered at 6 months of age, as long as bitches have not come into season by this point. We would strongly advise that this procedure is performed if you are not planning to breed from your pup. This is important for health reasons as it can reduce the risk of tumours, cancers and infections in later life.