

Fleas and Worms

To kill adult fleas, you need to use something effective and long lasting.

Flea collars and shampoos are inefficient and only work for a short time. We recommend using a spot-on treatment in the form of FRONTLINE.

This kills fleas, ticks and biting lice when applied to your animal's skin.

This is effective for 2 months against fleas for a dog.

FRONTLINE is also available in an a spray which can be used in puppies. If your dog has evidence of fleas (scratching, chewing, small flecks of dirt in its fur), then it is advisable to treat the environment it lives in

as well. This can be done by applying FRONTLINE COMBO, which sticks to the animal's hairs and kills any fleas which come into contact with it once shed. If members of the family are being bitten, INDOREX spray can be used to directly kill flea eggs and larvae in the environment.



You should regularly worm your dog to protect

from worm infestations. We recommend using MILBEMAX, an effective worming treatment for common British worms. Puppies

should be given this every month until 6 months of age, then 2-3 times a year thereafter. This is to protect against roundworms and tapeworms, which are

not always visible in your dogs faeces. Not seeing worms does not mean your dog doesn't have them. By regularly worming your pet, you also reduce the risk of them passing on worms to other animals



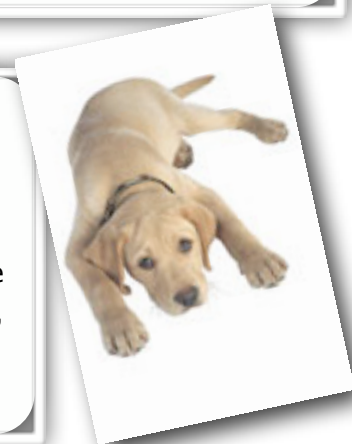
Puppy Information

Vaccinations

Vaccinating your dog is important to protect against diseases that are serious, difficult to treat, and sometimes fatal. Your puppy can have it's first vaccination from 7 weeks old. This has to be followed up with a second vaccination 3 weeks later. About a week after the second vaccination, your puppy can go on walks and socialise with other dogs. It is important that your puppy stays in your house or garden and does NOT come into contact with other dogs until the course is complete to assure its safety. Once the course is complete, you will be given a vaccination certificate as proof of your puppy's immunity



After its vaccination, your puppy is protected for a year. Then, it will require a booster vaccination to ensure continued protection. This needs to be repeated at the same time every year. We can also give the Kennel Cough vaccination to your dog, which is required by many kennels before allowing your animal to board.



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Neutering

Male and female dogs can be neutered from 6 months of age. This avoids unwanted pregnancies and can reduce wandering behaviour



Male dogs can be castrated from 6 months of age. This prevents testicular cancer and reduces the risk of prostatic problems later on in life. It can also reduce boisterous and dominant behaviour, but this should be discussed first with a vet if this is your primary reason for castrating.

Female dogs can be spayed from 6 months of age or 2 months after finishing their season. The advantages of spaying before their first season are preventing unwanted pregnancy and womb infections, and reducing risk of breast cancer in later life. However spaying before the first season or before she is fully mature can (rarely) lead to problems in later life such as difficulties in controlling urination or infections around her vulva.



If you are considering neutering your animal, please call the surgery to discuss the best option with a member of staff



Feeding Your Dog

When choosing a diet for your puppy, you should:

- Stick to the same type of food

Changing food or feeding times can lead to digestive problems.

- Feeding a balanced diet

A good quality puppy food should provide all the energy and nutrients your puppy needs. This can be either wet, dry food or a combination of both.

- Feeding several meals a day

Puppies have small stomachs, so they need small meals. 3-4 meals should be fed daily until about 6 months of age. The actual volume of food required varies according to the brand, and the size/age/breed of your puppy. The manufacturers guidelines are a good starting point. You can then adjust the amount to suit your puppy's needs

Once your puppy has reached maturity you should gradually change to an adult diet.

