



CANINE (Adult) INFORMATION SHEET

Welcome to Woodland Veterinary Clinic, Ltd. We have prepared this information sheet to help provide you with the best care for your pet. As in human medicine, the prevention of major diseases is very important to maintaining your pet's health. These are the protocols we use, though we customize treatment plans for each individual dog.

VACCINATIONS

Inoculation against the most common dog diseases are the framework for maintaining canine health.

DISTEMPER: A viral disease very common in nature that causes diarrhea, vomiting, convulsions and death.

HEPATITIS: A viral disease causing sever liver damage.

LEPTOSPIROSIS: A bacterial disease very common in nature that causes severe kidney damage. "Lepto" is carried in the urine of a variety of wildlife. An annual vaccine of the 4 most common serovars of Lepto is strongly recommended in this area!

PARAINFLUENZA: A viral disease causing respiratory infection.

PARVOVIRUS: The most serious viral disease of puppies and unvaccinated dogs, causing vomiting, bloody diarrhea, and heart damage, often fatal.

These 5 diseases are prevented with this DHLPP combination vaccine.

BORDETELLA: Known as "kennel cough", a very contagious upper respiratory disease. For dogs that might go to a dog park, kennel, or any facility with other dogs present we recommend a Bordetella vaccine annually. All boarding kennels require this vaccine.

LYME: This disease is transmitted by deer ticks and is the most common, serious, preventable dog disease in our area. We **STRONGLY** recommend a Lyme vaccine for the vast majority of dogs. An initial vaccine is given, boosted 3-4 weeks later, then given annually. The other common tick-born disease, ANAPLASMA, does not have a preventative vaccine available, so tick control is very important. Frontline Gold and NexGard chewables are products we highly recommend.

RABIES: This vaccine is required by law. Rabies is transmitted by bites of infected animals, the most common being skunks, bats, foxes, and raccoons. The initial Rabies vaccine is good for 1 year, and boosters are good for 3 years (unless traveling to an area requiring annual vaccines). Proof of Rabies vaccination is needed for obtaining a dog license.

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FLEAS & TICKS

Fleas and ticks are major problems for pets in our area. To kill fleas and ticks in dogs over 8 weeks, we recommend Frontline Gold or NexGard. We believe Frontline Gold is the best flea and tick *topical* preventative, and NexGard is the best *oral* chew preventative. We recommend these products should be used from March to December.

HEARTWORMS

As the name implies, dogs develop worms in their hearts that eventually cause heart failure and death! Heartworms are transmitted between dogs by mosquitos. A simple blood test is performed at annual vaccine time to be certain that your dog didn't develop heartworms the previous season. Fortunately, heartworms are very easily prevented using the monthly medication, HEARTGARD PLUS. HEARTGARD PLUS is given year-round. Be sure to pick up a dose today to begin prevention. Further doses will be given according to body weight.

Heartworm disease is a VERY SERIOUS health threat to dogs in this area.

INTESTINAL PARASITES

Intestinal parasites are a very common problem in dogs. Parasites will *seldom* be seen in your pet's stool, the only way to detect them is with a microscopic fecal test. If parasites are detected, you will be provided treatment and we will need a subsequent fecal test in two weeks. At each annual visit a fecal test will be performed to keep intestinal parasites under control.

DENTAL CARE

We cannot overemphasize the importance of maintaining your dog's dental hygiene. Daily brushing with pet specific toothpaste is really the best way to keep your pet's mouth healthy. Badly tartared and infected teeth not only cause horrible breath, but allow bacteria into the system that cause many problems with major organs and joints. For pets that are not accepting brushing, we strongly recommend Purina Pro Plan Dental Chewz, PhycoDent Rawhide Chews, or a dental product from our Online Store. We will advise you if a Professional Dental Cleaning is necessary.

CANINE DEVELOPMENT

Nutrition: Nutrition and weight control is a major factor in longevity and quality of life for your pet. A high quality, easily digested diet is best. We recommend PURINA PRO PLAN, DIAMOND, and FROMM'S as examples of excellent premium foods widely available. It is usually best to feed 2 meals per day. Follow the feeding recommendations on the back of the bag according to your pet's weight, beginning with the lowest quantity in the range. Do not exceed the highest quantity in the range for your pet's weight. By feeding a known volume at each meal, you have direct control over your pet's weight.

Training: Basic obedience training is imperative to enjoying your pet. The *Wisconsin Rapids Kennel Club* offers excellent training classes for dogs of any age. If you can't attend training classes, using the *Purina Puppy Book* we can provide will help guide you in training your pet.

EMERGENCY CARE

Please contact the *PAW Health Network Animal Emergency Center* in Mosinee at 715-693-6934. This is the closest veterinary emergency service in our area. They are open from 6pm – 8am, Monday – Thursday; and 5pm Friday – 8am Monday; as well as holidays. From Wisconsin Rapids, it should take about 45 minutes to get there.