

Canine Annual Physical Examination

In an effort to assist our clients, we have put together this information to help maximize the benefits for your dog during their annual physical examination appointment.

On the day of your dog's appointment we ask that you collect a stool sample and place it in a plastic bag to bring with you to the appointment. Once you arrive at the clinic and check in with our receptionist we will escort you to an available exam room as quickly as possible.

Once in the exam room one of our veterinary assistants/veterinary technician will weigh your dog, take their temperature, count their heart and respiratory rates, and assess their body fat index and dental score. They will also ask questions regarding your dog's diet, heartworm prevention and flea/tick prevention, at home dental care, and overall wellness. If you have noticed any bad breath, changes in activity level, sleeping patterns or attitude please let our veterinary team member know, these could all be signs of illness in your dog. If you have any questions about your dog today, please feel free to ask them at any time.

We recommend heartworm testing every dog, every year. Heartworm prevention should be given every 30 days all year long. Sentinel is our heartworm prevention of choice. With Sentinel administration you will be protecting your dog from heartworms, intestinal parasites (roundworms, hookworms, and whipworms) and fleas all with one tablet.

The vaccinations we recommend for your dog include: Rabies, Distemper/Parvo, Bordetella (Kennel Cough) and Lyme disease. We also have the Canine Influenza Vaccine.

The doctor will give your dog a complete physical examination, and then administer their vaccines. If necessary we will discuss with you the recommendations for your dog at this time. For example, if your dog is overweight we will give you weight loss information specifically for your dog.

We realize coming to the doctor can be scary for both you and your dog and we want to make your appointment with us as stress free as possible. If you have any questions regarding your dog's appointment or if you think your dog is having any health concerns please do not hesitate to call us.