



The Gainesville Animal Hospitals
2838 NW 6th Street or 7615 West Newberry Road
Gainesville, FL
(352) 372-5366 or (352) 332-5366



Puppies need vaccines every 3 weeks until they are at least 4 months old.
Your puppy's vaccination schedule is as follows:

Heartworm disease is a **deadly** parasitic disease that is transmitted by mosquitoes. It is 100% preventable by giving a monthly dose of heartworm prevention. Today you will be receiving a free dose of Sentinel Spectrum, our #1 recommendation for Heartworm as well as Flea Prevention. In Florida, it is most important that you give a Heartworm Preventative to your dog once a month for the rest of his/her life. Sentinel Spectrum also prevents flea infestations by eliminating the flea eggs, maggot like larvae, and cocoon stages that make up 95% of a flea population in your home. Sentinel Spectrum also controls whipworms, roundworms, hookworms, and tapeworms the most common intestinal parasites.

We recommend Science Diet Puppy until your pets' growth stops. This is the puppy formula we recommend for your pet's body size:

When you have to switch to Science Diet Adult formula food, slowly mix their old food with incrementally increasing amounts of the new food. Do this over a 5-7 day period of time in order to transition your puppy smoothly and prevent any stomach upset. Mixing dogs foods is important any time you change your pet's diet.

We recommend spaying or neutering your puppy between four and six months of age. Please ask for an estimate of the procedure and call for an appointment (that can be made anytime Monday through Friday).

A microchip is a permanent form of identification that can help your puppy be returned to you if lost. This can be done today. The cost is \$52.69 for the microchip implantation. If it is done at the time of your pet's spay or neuter, the cost is \$40.99.

You will be receiving reminders from our office as vaccines and tests are due. Please notify us of any address or telephone number changes as they occur, so we can send the reminders to you. We recommend the Bordetella vaccine every 6 months, and the Leptospirosis vaccine, Fecal exam, and Occult heartworm test annually. The first Rabies vaccine and DHP-P (Distemper / Parvo Vaccine) is effective for 1 year. Subsequent Rabies and DHP-P vaccines will be effective for 3 years. Rabies vaccination and tags are required by the county and can be acquired through us.

We recommend the following people for puppy classes and training

Toni Thompson: (352) 333-6858 Canine behavior specialist and obedience trainer.

J & K Canine Academy: (386) 454-3647 Obedience training. Group classes, private classes, or in-house training.

Petsmart: Puppy Classes and obedience training.

Please visit our website at www.gainesvillevet.com where you can search for up to date information on many of your animal questions. Make sure we have your e-mail so you can sign up for your Pet Portal. Your Pet Portal gives you access to your pet's medical information anywhere you have internet service.

If you ever have an emergency, please call us immediately or after hours, please contact Affiliated Pet Emergency Clinic at (352) 373-4444. There is always an available veterinarian day or night. We look forward to caring for all your puppy's health care needs.

Thank you for choosing Gainesville Animal Hospital.