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New Puppy Talk

- **Vaccination Schedule**
 - 8 weeks old: First Distemper combo vaccination, Bordetella, deworming
 - 12 weeks old: Second Distemper combo vaccination, deworming, First Lyme and Lepto vaccination
 - 16 weeks old: Third Distemper combo vaccination, Rabies vaccination, deworming, Second Lyme and Lepto vaccination
 - Annual visit due at 1 year after last puppy boosters are completed, then yearly.

- **Further information and recommendations for raising your new furry family member:**
 - Bordetella: Kennel cough vaccination; spreads through contact; risks: grooming, training, dog parks (annual vaccine).
 - Lyme: Spreads by infected deer ticks; preventative vaccine that can save your pet from suffering from chronic or acute symptoms (series of 2 vaccines, then annually).
 - Leptospira: Spreads through contact with the urine of infected animals; exposure is greater by streams or in areas with lots of wildlife (series of 2 vaccines, then annually).
 - Deworming: Zoonotic potential of parasites and transmission to humans.
 - Heartworm Testing and Prevention: Spreads by mosquitoes. All dogs should be tested at 6 months of age and on year-round heartworm prevention.
 - Flea and Tick Prevention: Oral preventative or topical preventative. Both are available here – continue treatment through all winter thaws (anytime it is above 32 degrees).
 - Spay/Neuter: Recommended at 6-9 months for small breeds & 1 year of age for large breeds.
 - Microchipping: Can be done at any time.
 - Training: Use positive rewards when potty training (treats and praise), as well as scheduled potty breaks and positive reinforcement when your pet goes in the right spot. We do recommend crate/kennel training as well.
 - Puppies and Stress: New environments and people can be overwhelming for pets. We recommend using Adaptil Collars and/or diffusers to release calming pheromones and help pets through this transitional time.
 - Pack Mentality: Train your children and your puppy to interact appropriately with each other.
 - Grooming and Bathing: Do not bathe too frequently as this causes risk of drying out the coat and skin. Every 4 to 6 weeks is best for nail trims and grooming/bathing. Cleaning ears after baths and swimming is important as well.
 - Dental Care: Brushing teeth is great to start at a young age, preventing plaque and tartar build up and potential damage to vital organs; use pet toothpaste.
 - Pet Insurance: Best to start when your puppy is young and has no pre-existing conditions.