



# MEADOWBROOK VETERINARY CLINIC OF PEORIA, PC

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## Congratulations on your new puppy!

We are excited to have the opportunity to provide veterinary care for your puppy. Today your puppy has received its first examination, deworming, and vaccinations. After this visit, we recommend seeing your puppy every 3-4 weeks until 16 weeks of age. These initial visits are very important to the overall health of your pet.

Our typical schedule is as follows, but may vary according to your pet's needs.

### First visit - 6 to 8 weeks of age:

- Physical exam
- Distemper vaccine (Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvo)
- Bordetella vaccine
- Deworming and intestinal parasite screening
- Heartworm prevention and flea/tick control



### Second visit - 9 to 12 weeks of age:

- Physical exam
- Distemper booster
- Leptospirosis vaccine if appropriate
- Deworming for Intestinal Parasites
- Heartworm prevention and flea/tick control

### Third visit - 12 to 16 weeks of age:

- Physical exam
- Leptospirosis vaccine if appropriate
- Rabies vaccine (if old enough)
- Distemper booster
- Heartworm prevention and flea/tick control

### Fourth visit - 16 + weeks - if necessary

- Physical exam
- Rabies and Leptospirosis if not received previously
- Distemper booster
- Heartworm prevention and flea/tick control

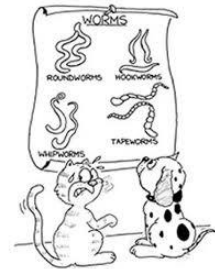
The vet may provide other recommendations based on your puppy's individual circumstances.

Nutrition is very important; we suggest that you feed a high quality diet such as Hill's Science Diet or Royal Canin. Select one appropriate for your pet's life stage.

We recommend that you have your pet spayed or neutered. Please discuss this with the veterinarian to determine the optimum time for your pet's breed and size.

We encourage you to socialize your puppy as much as possible at this point. It is important to expose your new pet to a variety of different experiences while protecting them from infectious diseases by avoiding high traffic dog areas. We recommend taking your puppy to a "puppy class" for socialization and training.

Parasite control is an essential part of health care, both for your pet and for their human counterparts. Intestinal parasites are not uncommon in new puppies; 70-80% of puppies and kittens have roundworms. For this reason, we typically deworm our new pets during these initial visits, and check a stool sample. Another key to sound parasite control is heartworm prevention. We strongly recommend that your dog be given heartworm prevention on a monthly basis year round. As well as aiding in the control of certain intestinal parasites, heartworm prevention can spare your pet a risky and expensive treatment. Flea and tick control is also important to use year-round to control those external parasites.



If you need assistance outside of our regular business hours, the Tri-county Animal Emergency Clinic is available at 309-672-1565.