



CANINE ANNUAL WELLNESS EXAMINATION

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) currently recommends examination of your pet every 6 to 12 months. Regular exams are extremely important as diseases can be caught and treated prior to becoming serious.

Included in your pet's wellness exam are...

- **Comprehensive physical examination**
- **Core vaccines of DHPP** (distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza, parvovirus)
- **Roundworm deworming** (recommended at least annually)

Other recommendations...

Wellness Panel	- Bloodworm screening recommended annually for all pets >3 years of age
Rabies vaccine	- Annual first year then every three years - Required for licensing
Kennel Cough	- For kenneled, groomed, or dogs exposed to other dogs outside at any time - Booster every 6 months
Leptospirosis	- For hunting, camping, outdoor dogs with exposure to wild animals annually - Contagious to humans
Rattlesnake	- For dogs with potential exposure, benefits of vaccine unknown - Recommended in conjunction with snake avoidance training - Two boosters then annually
Parasite Screening	- For all dogs - Tapeworm exam and treatment for dogs exposed to fleas, birds or mice. - Annually <i>(to decrease risk of human infection)</i>

Deworming

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends household pets be screened/treated for parasites three to four times per year. Many of these parasites can be zoonotic (**contagious to humans**). We want you, your family and your pet to stay healthy and safe. One of the ways that you can do this is to consider monthly heartworm and intestinal parasite prevention in addition to once yearly fecal analysis. We recommend the use of Interceptor.

Interceptor protects your pet from heartworm, whipworm, roundworm, and hookworms.

***If your pet is > 6 months of age a heartworm test needs to be performed prior to starting Interceptor.*

Fleas and Ticks

Fleas and Ticks can cause many serious diseases. A few of these include: Rocky Mounted Spotted Fever, Lyme disease, Erlichiosis, dermatitis, and severe allergies. We recommend **Frontline** to treat and prevent fleas and ticks. We do not recommend the over the counter products or flea/tick collars as these are associated with toxicity and limited efficacy.