

Caring for your **Puppy**



WALKERSTON

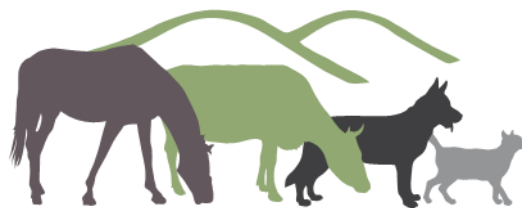
07 4959 2099

MACKAY

07 4951 3799

admin@valleyvet.com.au

www.valleyvet.com.au



VALLEY VET SURGERY

Puppy



Care Notes

Parasites

Intestinal worms

The major intestinal worms affecting your dogs are roundworm, hookworm, whipworm and tapeworm. These are a common problem in dogs and can cause lasting effects and, especially in puppies, can be fatal if left untreated.

The frequency of worming depends on your puppies size, age and product being used. General puppy worming with a tablet is shown below:

Age:

2—12 weeks	Every 2 weeks
3—6 months	Every month
6+ months	Every 3 months

Some topical products are given more regularly, ask our friendly staff what worming treatment is best for your puppy and they can tell you how often treatment is required.

Fleas

Fleas can cause irritation, skin allergies and anaemia just to name a few. To kill the fleas the approach must include constant prevention for your dog in order to kill the adults and break the flea cycle within the environment.

There are many effective products to protect your dog against fleas including tablets, topical treatments and collars. Ask your veterinarian or veterinary nurse for the best product to suit you and your dog.



Ticks

Ticks are a serious problem in our area. Wildlife are unaffected by them but they carry ticks into our dogs environment. The common problem ticks are Paralysis ticks and Brown dog ticks.

There are a variety of tick preventions including tablets, collars and topical preventions. Ask your veterinarian or veterinary nurses for the best program to suit you and your dog.

For more information go to our website

www.valleyvet.com.au

Heartworm

Heartworm is transmitted through mosquito bites, so all dogs are at risk. This parasite is deadly so prevention is essential.

Preventive programs should start as early as 10-12 weeks and it's important to continue prevention throughout your dog's life.

Preventative medication is available as a long acting heartworm injection. The injection is given at 12 weeks old, 6 months old then with their annual injections thereafter.

Other products are also available as topical treatment or tablets. Check with our vets or nurses about what might be best for your puppy.



Vaccinations

Puppy's vaccinations should start at 6-8 weeks and additional injections are required at 10-12 weeks and 14-16 weeks of age followed by a booster every 12 months for life. These vaccinations protect your dog from; Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza, Leptospirosis and Bordetella.

Treatment for these diseases is often expensive and difficult and the recovery rates are low. Vaccination is the best protection you can offer your pet. Health checks are included at each vaccination visit to ensure your pet's health is at its best.

Nutrition

From birth until 3 – 4 weeks of age, mother's milk will satisfy all the nutritional needs for your puppy. After this time however, puppies will begin to take an interest in other foods.

Growing puppies have a large demand for nutrients so it is important that their first solid foods are highly palatable, easy to eat and supply a complete and balanced nutrition. Puppies should be fed 3 to 4 times a day, while adult dogs only require 1 to 2 meals per day.

We recommend premium dry foods as they are a balanced diet that will meet all your puppy's nutritional needs. Please ask your vet or vet nurse for a product to meet the special nutritional requirements of your puppy. You should also insure your dog has a constant supply of clean drinking water.

Desexing

Both male and female dogs can be de-sexed from 5-6 months of age. As well as preventing unwanted litters, desexing at this age has many benefits including being more cost effective for you!

Microchipping

This is now compulsory in Queensland for all puppies to be microchipped before being sold. This is a small chip that is positioned between the shoulder blades. It is a permanent mode of identification which your pet carries with them everywhere for life.

It is important your dog's microchipping details are kept up to date. Ask the staff how you can check your details and if necessary update them.

Pet Insurance

Illness or accidents can happen unexpectedly and can be expensive. Pet insurance is important to consider when you have a dog as it will enable you to afford the best treatment for your dog.

Puppy Preschool













The best time for socialisation, handling and training of your pet is between 6- 16 weeks of age. Socialisation means introducing your puppy to other dog's and people in a controlled environment. Puppies that are not socialised, will often develop aggression, fear and other behavioural problems.

Puppy preschool is strongly advised and is a great chance for your puppy to gain social skills and for you to learn all the important aspects of puppy care.

We offer a monthly class, call us to book your puppy's spot in our next available class.



Veterinary Care Scheduler

Date	Age	Worming	Heartworm	Vaccination	Desexing
	2-4 weeks				
	6-8 weeks			 C4 + Lepto Ict + Aust	
	10-12 weeks		 Proheart	 C4 + Lepto Ict + Aust	
	16 weeks			 BB + C4 + Lepto Ict + Aust	
	5 months				
	6 months		 Proheart		
	For Life	Every __ mths with _____	Yearly with Pro- heart	Annually	



VALLEY VET SURGERY

Consulting Hours

Monday – Friday 8.00am – 11.00am
3.00pm – 6.00pm
Saturday 8.00am – 12.00pm
Sunday Emergencies Only

Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 8.00am – 6.00pm
Saturday 8.00am – 12.00pm
Sunday Closed – Emergencies Only

WALKERSTON

07 4959 2099

14 Dutton Street Walkerston Q 4751

MACKAY

07 4951 3799

36 Brisbane Street Mackay Q 4740

admin@valleyvet.com.au

www.valleyvet.com.au