



**Westport
Veterinary
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Puppy Care Sheet

Congratulations on your new puppy! If you haven't been to us before, welcome to Westport Veterinary Clinic. If you already have other pets registered, we are delighted to welcome your new addition to the family.

Below is just a quick summary of some of the main things to be thinking about as you get your new puppy settled in. Please don't hesitate to speak to any one of our team with any questions you may have.

Vaccinations

Regular vaccinations are important to protect against infection with distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, parainfluenza and leptospirosis. First vaccinations can be given from 7 weeks of age, followed by a second vaccination 2-4 weeks later, when at least 10 weeks old. Your puppy can start going out for short walks 1-2 weeks after the second vaccination.

After this primary vaccination course it is important to keep your pet up to date with yearly booster vaccinations to ensure continued protection. We advise giving the kennel cough vaccination (included in our Friends of Westport scheme) which will help protect against some respiratory infections, which can be picked up anywhere not just from kennels! We can give this after the primary vaccination course.

Diet

Getting the right nutritional balance is very important at all stages in your pet's life, to ensure healthy development and growth. The best way to achieve this is by feeding a high quality, protein based, balanced diet especially formulated for puppies e.g. Virbac Veterinary HPM.

Veterinary HPM™ is an advanced low-carb, high-protein formulation specifically designed to support the long-term health and well-being of cats and dogs, the highly evolved carnivores in our own homes.

Young puppies should be fed around 4 small meals a day when they are 8 weeks old. Feeding frequency can be reduced gradually as meal sizes increase.



Friends of Westport

Prevention is better than cure so we want to make preventative health care easy and affordable. Our Friends of Westport scheme covers the preventative treatments your pet needs throughout life, such as vaccinations, flea and worm treatments and regular health checks.

Using our scheme can save up to 44% on just the essential preventative health care.

Extra benefits include a **10% discount** off nearly everything (most products and procedures undertaken exclusively at our practice). For more information please find the enclosed leaflet in your puppy pack or speak to one of our team.

FOWP Health Care Savings*			
	Pay as you go/ Year	FOWP/ Month	Savings/ Year
Small Dog (<10kg)	£263.48	£13.50	£101.48
Med Dog (10-25kg)	£310.40	£14.50	£136.40
Large Dog (25-40kg)	£344.60	£16.00	£152.60
Giant Dog (>40kg)	£488.98	£24.00	£200.98

*Does not include the additional 10% discount on most products and services

Insurance

We strongly advise getting your new puppy insured as soon as possible, to give you peace of mind that your pet is covered should they need it. A lifetime policy is the most comprehensive cover available. We work in partnership with Petplan to offer 4 weeks free insurance as **Immediate Veterinary Cover**, we can start the process after your puppy has seen a vet. This will be activated by yourself via the email you receive from Petplan. Please use this time to look around at the different insurance companies to find out which is best for you. If you have any questions please ask one of our team.

Dental Care

Periodontal disease is a serious but sometimes overlooked health issue; indeed, more than 87% of dogs over 3 years of age have some form of this progressive, degenerative disease. Dogs are very good at hiding dental pain from us, but believe us, it is sore!

The best time to start dental care for your puppy is now! Getting them in a routine is much better and easier than having to start after they already have sore mouths. We also advise using Healthymouth water additive, which has been shown to reduce plaque build up in dogs by an average of 74.3%.

At the regular weight checks up until 6-8 months old, our vets and nurses will show you how to introduce teeth brushing and other dental care products.

Flea and Worming treatments

We advise using wormer and flea treatments once monthly until 6 months old. Due to the rapid development and growth all puppies experience at this age, we need regular weight and health checks with the nurse to ensure correct dosing.

The monthly treatment we advise is Prinovox; it provides good, reliable protection against fleas and some worms and is also one of the few products licensed to prophylactically treat lungworm (*Angiostrongylus vasorum*) when used routinely. Lungworm can cause serious health problems and prevention is always better than cure, especially as we now know it is spreading and has been reported in central Scotland.

We advise treating against tapeworm once every 3 months – this is important for your puppies as well as your own protection.

Neutering

When your puppy is old enough, you may want to think about getting them neutered (spay or castration). Age of neutering is from 6 months of age depending upon the size of your dog. For large breeds, we advise waiting until they are fully grown before neutering. There are many benefits to neutering; please discuss with one of our team if you have any questions.

Emergency Out of Hours Care

If you ever need help or advice outside of normal working hours, please use one of our dedicated Emergency out of hours providers. You can just call our practice number and we will either divert you straight through or leave a message with the number to call.

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