

# Canine Life Stage Health Care Recommendations

Life Stage	Regular Health Care	Special Procedures
<b>Puppy &lt;12 months</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full physical exam</li> <li>• Fecal</li> <li>• Deworm 3 times at 2-week intervals</li> <li>• DHPP vaccine at 8, 12, and 16 weeks</li> <li>• Bordetella at 10-12 weeks</li> <li>• Rabies vaccine at 16 weeks</li> <li>• Start heartworm prevention if &lt;6 months</li> <li>• Heartworm test if &gt;6 months then start on prevention (can be done earlier)</li> <li>• Start flea/tick control</li> <li>• Discuss dental care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spay/neuter</li> <li>• Preanesthetic blood work</li> </ul>
<b>Adult 1-7 Years</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulate appropriate vaccine schedule for life style</li> <li>• Discuss dental care</li> <li>• Rabies vaccine every 3 years</li> <li>• DHPP every other year</li> <li>• Bordetella vaccine yearly</li> <li>• Lepto yearly</li> <li>• Heartworm test yearly</li> <li>• Fecal sample yearly</li> <li>• Continue heartworm, flea, tick and intestinal parasite prevention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full screening lab work at least every 2 years – CBC, chemistry profile, electrolytes, urinalysis</li> <li>• Dental cleaning yearly</li> <li>• Screening thoracic and abdominal radiographs</li> <li>• Screening electrocardiogram</li> </ul>
<b>Golden Years &gt;7 Years</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full physical exam every 6 months</li> <li>• Monitor weight for changes</li> <li>• Discuss age related diet changes</li> <li>• Modify vaccine schedule appropriate for age and lifestyle</li> <li>• Discuss dental care</li> <li>• Discuss ongoing health problems</li> <li>• Discuss arthritis and pain management</li> <li>• Rabies vaccine every 3 years</li> <li>• DHPP every other year</li> <li>• Bordatella vaccine yearly</li> <li>• Lepto yearly</li> <li>• Heartworm test yearly</li> <li>• Fecal sample every year</li> <li>• Continue heartworm, flea, tick and intestinal parasite prevention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full lab work yearly (CBC, chemistry profile, electrolytes, urinalysis)</li> <li>• Thoracic and abdominal radiographs yearly</li> <li>• Electrocardiogram yearly</li> <li>• Dental cleaning yearly</li> </ul>