

# WYOMISSING ANIMAL HOSPITAL

## Puppy Information Sheet

### Core Vaccines:

**DHPPi:** Helps prevent a group of contagious and fatal diseases. The combo is given in a series of **3** doses at **4** week intervals. It is repeated in one year then every two years for remainder of your dog's life.

- 8 weeks
- 12 weeks
- 16 weeks

**Rabies:** This vaccine is given at **4** months of age and repeated the following year. Afterwards, it is repeated every **3** years for the remainder of your dog's life. This vaccine is required by law.

### Non-core vaccines:

**Lyme:** Helps prevent tick transmitted lyme disease. This vaccine is given in a series of two doses 3-4weeks apart, starting at **12** weeks of age. It is repeated once **yearly** for the remainder of your dog's life. If your dog is over 6 months of age, a lyme test is required to start the vaccine.

**Leptosporosis:** Helps prevent bacteria that is transmitted via contaminated water from animal urine. It can be fatal in dogs and is also contagious to humans. It is a series of two doses 3-4weeks apart. It is repeated **yearly**. You can also opt to have it in the DHPPi combo vaccine.

**Bordetella:** Helps prevent kennel cough. This oral or injectable vaccine is given to dogs once **yearly** if the dog will be boarded.

**Influenza:** Helps prevent 2 strains of dog influenza virus. It is a series of two doses 3-4 weeks apart. It is repeated once **yearly** if the dog will be boarded.

### Wellness care:

#### **Annual Wellness exams**

**Flea/Tick preventative:** These parasites can cause discomfort and spread serious illnesses. Ask about the different safe and effective products available to suit you and your pets' lifestyle and needs.

**Heartworm:** Is a blood parasite transmitted by mosquitoes and is a life-threatening illness. Puppies can start monthly heartworm prevention starting at 8 weeks old. If your dog is greater than 6 months, a blood test is needed before starting prevention. Preventative medication is year round. If medication is stopped, your dog must be retested before beginning meds again.

**Fecal:** A fecal sample should be brought for puppy visits and yearly wellness exams. This checks for intestinal parasites.

**Spay/Neuter:** Recommended at 6 months for females and 6 months and older for males.

**Pet insurance:** Ask our front staff about the different pet insurance providers and find the best policy for your pet.

**Dental Care:** We recommend a good at-home dental care routine along with professional dental cleanings to prevent periodontal disease in your pet. Start brushing your pet's teeth at a young age with pet appropriate toothpaste. There are also specially formulated treats and chews that help reduce formation of tartar.

**Microchip:** A permanent form of ID that aids in the recovery and return of your pet.