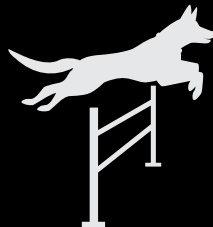
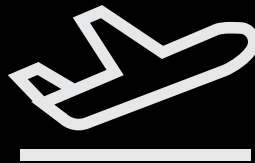
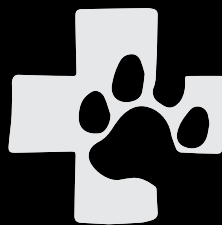
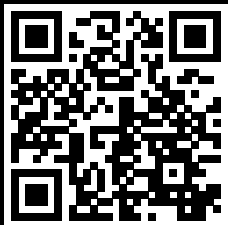




# New Puppy?

What every pet owner should know



# What does a new pet need, to provide a happy & healthy life.

Collar & Leash  
License & Tags  
Poop Bags  
Toothbrush  
Bed  
Toys  
Good Food  
Dishes  
Pet Gates  
Cleaning Supplies  
Brush  
Nail Clippers  
First Aid kit



## Phone numbers:

Animal Bylaw: 3.1.1

Poison Hotline: 1-800-213-6680

Veterinarian:

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24 hour Vet Hospital:

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Kennel:

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Trainer:

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# Vaccines



Vaccine Requirements vary by province/region as different illnesses may be more prevalent in specific areas.

**Canine** core respiratory (basic) vaccine is a combination of 3 or 4 vaccines:

D - Distemper

A2 - Adenovirus

P - Parainfluenza

P - Parvovirus (sometimes abbreviated as Pv or CPV)

The combination of these is sometimes referred to as the 4-way vaccine or DA2PP. Sometimes Parvo (CPV) is separate and Parainfluenza can be given with nasal Bordetella.

Bordetella is an optional annual canine vaccine as known as Canine Cough.

Rabies is required for dogs and recommended for cats to prevent the contraction of the zoonotic rabies virus.

**Feline** core respiratory vaccine is a combination of a few vaccines (FVRCP).

FVR - rhinotracheitis (triggered by the feline herpes virus)

C - calicivirus (respiratory infection virus)

P - panleukopenia (feline parvovirus)

Cats may also receive the leukemia vaccine (FeLV).



# Common Concerns.

## Loose Stool

If your pet is having frequent loose stool it is always best to contact your vet to discuss any potential causes. Once more serious concerns are ruled out, you can offer a probiotic to help. Natural probiotics can be found in some foods, such as pumpkin puree (for dogs). Your vet may recommend a bland diet of boiled chicken & rice, or offer you forti flora (canine & feline types available). Medications may be prescribed as well.

## Separation Anxiety

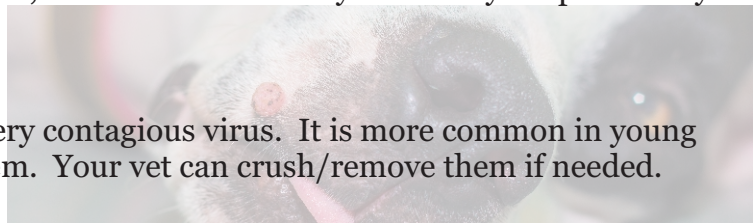
Is your pet stressed when you leave? Do they get into trouble while you're gone? Hiding or crying? This could be an indication of separation anxiety. Training, socialization, having another animal friend around & sometimes supplements or medications may be prescribed to help alleviate their stress.

## Itching

Itching & chewing their body can sometimes indicate another issue. Environmental/Food allergies can cause your pet to release histamines (chemical in the body associated to the immune system), which can be itchy. Some external parasites can also cause itching, such as fleas, lice or ticks. Talk to your vet if your pet is itchy.

## Papilloma

Wart looking bumps in or around the mouth could be a very contagious virus. It is more common in young dogs. Recovery time depends on your dogs immune system. Your vet can crush/remove them if needed.



# Parasites



## Fleas

Easily prevented with routine preventatives from your vet, fleas are very tiny parasites that feed off animals and people. Once a pet has fleas, it can be fairly time consuming to effectively rid your pets & home of these contagious pests. Eggs tend to incubate and hatch in beds, rugs and other areas of your environment.

## Lice

Another contagious, external parasite which can be prevented with routine products from your vet. Lice are slightly easier to be seen and their eggs can usually be found stuck to the fur of your pet. Treatment can involve a number of dusts, sprays, medicated baths and an extensive cleaning of your pets environment.

## Ticks

Usually more prevalent in warm temperatures, ticks are more of a concern in the spring and summer. They are small but easily seen and grow larger the longer they are attached. Pets should be seen by a vet to properly remove any ticks found and to test for lyme disease (common side effect).

## Worms

There are many types of these little pests including roundworms, hookworms, whipworms, heartworms, pinworms, tapeworms and lungworms. Some are host specific and some can be transferred to humans. Many can be seen in your pets stool, and if the infestation is severe, sometimes your pet may vomit them up. Some are tiny and transfer through the pores of your skin. Regular de-worming is best for prevention.

# Training and Boarding.

From puppies learning the basics, to obedience or behaviour modification, to fun classes like agility, training helps you and your pet bond as well as teaching you both techniques for everyday situations.

Training works best with consistency and positive reinforcement.

One of the most important aspects of puppy obedience, is to provide socialization skills. This allows your puppy to interact with other dogs of different breeds and sizes, to help them learn to communicate together. Socialization also helps prevent some types of aggression.

What if you had an emergency and had to leave? What do you do with your pet?

Having a plan will help alleviate the extra stress of finding someone at the last minute. Having a place your pet has gone too for smaller trips will help you both feel more comfortable and reduce anxiety of a unknown place. When choosing a professional, ask what services they offer, do they discriminate, how do they deal with any emergency?





# Grooming



An important aspect of having a pet is grooming.

Both dogs and cats require some grooming at times.

Grooming is not simply bathing and making your pet pretty.

Although they do this too. With regular grooming, sometimes the groomer will notice small changes to your pet's health and temper, that owners may otherwise miss. Regular grooming also helps the pet realize grooming is not a scary thing, which is beneficial if they ever need a medical bath or dip.

Starting your puppy at a younger age helps them get used to the sights, sounds and smells and helps them ease into the process.

Dental Hygiene should be done on a regular basis to prevent tooth decay and limit bad breath. Special formulated paste is available for puppies, adult dogs, kittens and adult cats.

How often your pet requires a full groom depends on their breed, coat condition, personal preference, and some medical conditions.

Did you know cats secrete oil through their pores? Sometimes this oil builds up and can cause problems. Bathing your cat helps prevent chin acne & stud tail.

Regular nail trims help prevent painful broken nails, and some other preventable health issues.





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