

Angel's Haven Boarding & Rescue

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Important Information For Your New Friend

Vaccinations: Vaccinations and a yearly exam are important in maintaining your pet's optimum health. Vaccinations needed include the distemper and rabies vaccinations. Distemper (combo vaccine) does need to be done once a year and the rabies may be done either every year or every 2nd or 3rd year depending on the vaccine your veterinarian uses. We always recommend a kennel cough or Bordetella vaccination if you plan on taking your pet anywhere there will be other dogs as well. This is an airborne virus and very easy to catch. Most veterinarians don't automatically give this one so it is best to ask if your pet would indeed benefit from having this vaccine. Another optional vaccine is the lyme vaccine which obviously protects against Lyme disease carried by deer ticks. Manitoba is not overwhelmed with the deer ticks carrying Lyme disease yet, but they are out there. If you are travelling with your pet you may want to ask your veterinarian how much of a risk there is of your pet contracting the disease wherever you are travelling.

Parasites: Deworming is also an important part of maintaining your pet's health. Here in Manitoba, we have a problem with heartworm disease. In order to prevent this, we give our dogs a tablet once a month from June to November. This will protect from the heartworm disease and also serves as a general dewormer for your pet. Your pet should be on this prevention every year and a test to ensure your pet is heartworm free should be done every two or three years. If you may have forgotten to give a pill during heartworm season, you may wish to test sooner. There are also preventions available for fleas etc., however we don't have a big problem with that in Manitoba. Prevention is always definitely easier than treatment so if you have any concerns, or if you are travelling somewhere fleas are common, we certainly suggest getting your pet on the prevention. Revolution® is the treatment we recommend, a very broad spectrum to protect against all internal/external parasites including fleas and ticks.

Microchip: Your pet has been microchipped and the microchip will need to be registered with Avid Canada. We will provide you with the necessary forms and you will simply need to fill out your personal information and mail it out to Avid Canada. The microchip is a worldwide recovery

system so that if your “little one” ever gets lost, you will be reunited. If you have any specific microchip questions, you can ask us or call Avid Canada at 1-800-338-1397.

General signs of disease: You will always be the best judge of your pet’s health and would be the first to notice any signs of oncoming conditions. Some common signs to watch for that may indicate your pet is not feeling the greatest would include:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Lethargy
- Changes in food or water consumption
- Increase or decrease of urine production/bowel movements
- Signs of discomfort or moodiness
- Discharge from eyes/nose or coughing

These are all just general signs of trouble and if your pet is ill he/she may experience one or a number of these symptoms. If noticed, it is obviously best to contact your veterinarian ASAP and discuss the signs with them.

If you have any questions whatsoever in regards to diet, training or anything else related to your new pet, please don’t hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to work through any issues that may arise for you. We will always consider your new pet one of our pack and will always be willing to help out in any way we can.