

### Why should I neuter or spay my dog?

Both of these surgeries serve to stop your animal from producing puppies. Spaying is the surgery done to remove a female's uterus while neutering is the removal of a males testicles.



- Spaying a female can prevent uterine infection, breast tumors, and she will not come into heat
- Neutering a male will make him stay around the home more instead of looking for females in heat and may improve behavior
- These surgeries can help your pet keep weight on, but will not make them fat
- Dogs can be spayed/neutered as young as eight weeks

### What do I do if my dog gets a bite?

- If a dog is bitten by a wild animal or another dog who is unvaccinated, it is at risk for rabies among other diseases
- Contact:

### Can my dog get sick from vaccines?

It is rare for a dog to have a reaction to vaccines, but it is important to watch for facial swelling, hives, vomiting

### Canine Vaccine Information

	Can humans get it?	Signs of the disease in dogs	When can my animal get vaccinated?	How often should my animal get this vaccine?	Vaccine date/ sticker here
Rabies	Yes	Aggression, excessive drooling, paralysis, seizures	3 months old	Once a year	
Parvovirus	No	Bloody diarrhea, vomiting, fever, not eating or drinking	4 weeks old	Every 2-4 weeks until a puppy is 4 months old and then once a year	
Distemper	No	Discharge from eyes and nose, fever, coughing, vomiting. Can affect the brain and cause twitching, head tilt and paralysis.	4 weeks old	Every 2-4 weeks until a puppy is 4 months old and then once a year	

## Dog Care Checklist

### - Deworming

- Should be done once a year for adults and puppies should be given a second dose two weeks after the first
- Pyrantel pamoate and panacur are good options and can be bought online



### - Vaccines

- See chart above

### - Water

- Summer: dogs should always have access to clean water in the
- Winter: offer water at least once a day, snow can not completely replace a water source



### - Collars

- Keep space for 2-3 fingers under a collar so it is not too tight
- In growing dogs collars MUST be loosened once a week



### - House

- Dogs should always have a shelter available to get out of the cold/heat
- Signs a dog is too cold and should be taken inside: collapsing, stumbling, pale gums, breathing slowly