

## New Puppy?

All of us at Copeland Veterinary Surgeons get very excited about a new puppy and we know you do too. Although to a first time owner it can be a very anxious time, so we have introduced Puppy Consultations with our Veterinary Nurses. The nurses will help you make the best choices for your gorgeous new addition; they will answer your questions and give you useful tips and advice. Just contact reception and they will arrange a free puppy nurse consult. An appointment with the Veterinary Surgeon will always be required for vaccinations and medical concerns.

We have also produced a very useful Puppy Regime guide for you to refer to.

## Puppy Regime Pet Advice

<b>Initial vaccination:</b>	<b>Course of 3 vaccinations:</b>
	First vaccination from 8 weeks
	Second vaccination from 11 weeks
	No less than 3 wks & no more than 4 wks b/w injections
	Third vaccination at 6 months old
Kennel cough vaccination:	Normally only give if going into kennels

Although the puppy is not fully protected by the vaccination until 2 weeks after the second dose we recommend any age puppies can:

- Go in owners garden
- Meet vaccinated dogs belonging to friends/neighbours etc.
- Be carried outside
- Meet as many people as possible

<b>Worming:</b>	At first vaccination, Panacur paste for 3 consecutive days, after this monthly with Nexgard Spectra.
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<b>Flea prevention:</b>	Frontline Combo at first vaccination then Nexgard Spectra once a month after this.
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<b>Feeding:</b>	James Wellbeloved or Science Plan. Clean fresh water to be available at all times.
<b>Younger than 12 weeks old:</b>	Feed up to 4 times a day
<b>Between 12 weeks &amp; 6 months:</b>	Feed up to 3 times a day
<b>Older than 6 months:</b>	Feed up to 4 times a day
	We advise leaving food down for 15 minutes then taking away even if puppy has not eaten it at all. This encourages the puppy to eat what you want him/her to eat rather than nibbling throughout the day and becoming a picky eater.

<b>Socialisation of puppies:</b>	Many behavioural problems arise in future life when a dog has been inadequately socialised as a puppy. The main socialisation period in dogs is between 6 and 13 weeks of age. For this reason we promote controlled early socialisation as much as possible.
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### Q) When can my puppy first go outside (other than in the garden)?

A) 10 days after their first vaccination puppies can go out on clean pavements (not verges or other paths) but they must avoid unknown dogs or dog faeces.

**Q) When can my puppy meet other dogs?**

A) Puppies can meet vaccinated dogs at any age, but if the vaccination status of the other dog is unknown we advise that they don't mix until 2 weeks after the second vaccination.

**Q) When can my puppy meet other people?**

A) We encourage all puppies to meet as many people and children as possible, don't exclude from gatherings unless there are unvaccinated dogs likely to be present.

Two weeks after second vaccination the puppy has no restrictions at all.

If you have any questions relating to anything above or have any questions about your puppy in general please contact us at the surgery (01642 760 999).