

# ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF LANESVILLE

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## What Your Dog Needs

After reviewing your dog's record, we found that \_\_\_\_\_ is due for the following examinations/vaccinations/lab procedures to help maintain a healthy life.

- Physical Exam:** This should be done at least yearly. An exam may be the most important component of an office visit because the veterinarian can examine your pet and discuss any medical problems.
- Fecal Exam:** Also called a worm test, should be done at least yearly unless your pet is on a monthly heartworm preventative that also treats intestinal worms. Regular microscopic examination of your pet's stool provides early detection and treatment.
- Parvo/Distemper Vaccination:** This is needed even if your dog never goes outside since you can bring the disease home on your shoes, hands or clothing. These diseases are highly contagious and life threatening.
- Rabies Vaccination:** Required by law.
- Spay/Neuter:** If you could only do one procedure in your pet's life, this is the one you should get done. This has the biggest effect on your dog's health.
- Heartworm Testing and Prevention:** The only way to protect your dog from this common and deadly disease is with month preventatives.
- Lyme Disease Vaccination:** If your dog is exposed to ticks, tall grass or wooded areas, it is important to protect him from this serious disease.
- Bordetella Nose Drops:** If your dog is exposed to other dogs at the groomers, boarding facility, shows or competitions, this is a must. Vaccination can prevent this highly contagious bacteria from causing a hacking cough that can persist for weeks.
- Dental Care:** Home cleaning and professional cleaning can literally add years to your pet's life. Periodontal disease may lead to infection in the liver, kidneys and heart.
- Flea and Tick Control:** Flea control is so easy now with several products available either as a pill or as ointment you put on the back of the neck once a month.
- Diet Change:** The proper diet not only keeps your pet's hair coat shiny but also contributes to clean teeth and a strong immune system. Maintaining correct weight is important for your pet's heart, bones and liver.
- Blood Profile:** We recommend an annual blood work up and urinalysis especially on dogs 8 years of age and older to help detect problems. Early detection and proper treatment and diet can lengthen and improve your pet's quality of life. It's a simple procedure requiring a little blood we can take during this office call.