

## Your New Puppy

Here are some key points to help you in the first months of your new puppies time in your home.

### Vaccinations

Vaccinations are important to protect against potentially fatal diseases. They start any time from 8 weeks old. Two sets of injections are needed two weeks apart; your puppy will not be fully covered until 1 week after the second vaccination.

### Worming

Advised every 2 weeks until a puppy is 12 weeks old then every month until 6 months old after this an adult routine of every 2 –3 months is advised.

### Microchipping

This is a system where by a small electronic chip the same size as a grain of rice is inserted under the skin. If your dog is ever lost all dog wardens, vets and rescue centres can scan the chip and trace the owners directly. It is cheap and does not need any sedation. Microchips can be inserted at any age but most people like to have it done at the time of the second vaccination.

### Neutering.

Bitch – it is advisable to spay bitches to reduce unwanted pregnancies, reduce the chance of mammary (breast) cancers and stop pyometra's (infected uterus) developing.

It is best to allow the first season then spay 10 – 15 weeks post season.

Dog – It is advisable to castrate as it can calm an animal behaviour, reduce chances of prostate problems and stop testicular cancer.

Any time after 6 months old is best.

Don't Forget to sign up to one of our puppy parties!

