



## Vet Visits, Insurance & Vaccines

### Vet Visits

You are responsible for taking your pup to the vet for medical care; this includes both routine wellness (vaccinations) as well as anytime your pup is sick or injured. If your pup is sick or injured please contact Sam or Laura before taking him to the vet unless it is life threatening, in which case you should take him immediately.

If you like we can provide you a letter to bring with you to your veterinarian. This letter or you can request that they follow our guidelines for care, if they will not follow our guidelines you need to find a different vet. If you need help selecting a veterinarian we will be happy to help.

For wellness appointments you will need to schedule appointments at:

12 weeks of age

16 weeks of age

1 year

### Insurance

Your pup has health insurance with Embrace. Your pup is covered under two plans: wellness and accident/illness. **We will provide you with a blank claim form with your pups policy number, please bring a copy to EVERY visit.**

1. Please choose a vet that takes Embrace wellness insurance.
2. Please also choose a vet that takes American Express.
3. Please also choose a vet that gives a service dog discount.
4. For EACH AND EVERY vet visit please confirm that we are getting the service dog discount (some vets need reminded EVERY TIME).
5. At the conclusion of your visit call Sam to pay for the visit.

6. Bring your dog's EMBRACE claim form to EACH AND EVERY visit. Ask the vet office to submit the form for you.
7. For EACH AND EVERY vet visit please make sure the invoice/receipt is emailed to [laura@gooddogautism.org](mailto:laura@gooddogautism.org).
8. For EACH AND EVERY vet visit please enter the appointment in your Training Log.
9. **For your first appointment** please bring the Embrace the Orthopedic Report Card, have the vet fill it out and fax or email the claim form to Embrace. If they are unable to submit it, YOU must collect the completed form and email us a copy so we can submit it.

## Vaccines

Your puppy has been dewormed several times and given his/her first round of vaccinations. (please refer to the vaccination/deworming record in your binder). Your puppy needs a series of vaccines and may not be immune to canine diseases until this series is finished, so use common sense in introducing your pup to other dogs. For example, your puppy can meet your sister's dog that is a fully vaccinated adult, but should not be introduced to stranger dogs that have the potential for carrying unwanted germs. We also feel strongly that over-vaccination is a problem among pets, and is linked to allergies and immune system issues. We believe in the minimal amount of vaccinations necessary to impart immunity. More is not better in this case. **Please follow the following vaccination guidelines:**

### Vaccination Guidelines

8 weeks: Distemper, Adenovirus II, Parvo, Parainfluenza - DONE

12 weeks: Distemper, Adenovirus II, Parvo, Parainfluenza

16 weeks: Distemper, Adenovirus II, Parvo, Parainfluenza and Rabies

1 year and 16 weeks: Rabies (required by law)

Flea/Tick and Heartworm- Please discuss with Samantha prior to administering.

**IMPORTANT: please do NOT allow the vet to give the rabies shot until 16 weeks - NOT BEFORE!!**

We do not vaccinate our dogs with the non-core vaccines such as Corona, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, or Lyme. If your veterinarian deems that there is a strong chance that your pup will be exposed to one of these diseases, please CONTACT US FIRST.

Please keep in mind that your pup should not be allowed to walk on the ground outside of your home (with the exception of puppy socialization classes) until they have completed their 16 week vaccines. If your pup has to be placed on the ground to 'better hurry', then please make sure to wipe their paws immediately afterwards. Once the series of 3 puppy shots is completed, your pup can walk on all surfaces out in public. However, dog parks or other equivalent off leash dog areas are never permitted for safety reasons.

## **Heartworm, Flea and Tick medication**

The risk of a dog getting heartworm, fleas and ticks greatly depends on the area in which you live. Therefore, we like to determine if preventative medications are necessary based on your location and reports from your local vet.

## **Spay / Neuter**

There are great risks of early spay or neuter. Therefore we are highly opposed to spaying or neutering prior to physical maturity. We will spay or neuter at approximately 12 months. ***If your vet wants to spay or neuter your pup at an earlier age please inform them that this is not your decision to make and you must adhere to Good Dog! policy.***