



## **Murrells Inlet Veterinary Hospital**

### **Recommended Wellness Care for Adult Dogs**

*In order to help pets live long, healthy, happy lives, we are proactive about preventive healthcare for our patients. The following recommendations are key to keeping your dog healthy!*

#### **Physical Examination \$46.75**

Physical examinations are vital in keeping your pet healthy. Due to the fact that pets' bodies age at an accelerated rate as compared to humans, our doctors recommend examinations twice a year for life! Our doctors will check your pet from the tip of their nose to the tip of their tail!

#### **DHLPP&C - \$24.75**

This vaccine protects your dog against Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, Parvo and Corona – all in one vaccine.

#### **Bordetella - \$21.75**

Protects your dog against tracheobronchitis, which is similar to bronchitis in people. It is sometimes referred to as “kennel cough” because if a dog in a kennel has this cough, it can spread very quickly to the other dogs. It is highly contagious and it is transmitted through the air. Due to the ease of transmission, we recommend that dogs receive this vaccination every 6 months.

#### **Rabies – \$30.50**

This vaccine protects your dog against Rabies which is still a problem in our area. For adult dogs who have been previously vaccinated, this is a three-year vaccine. For puppies and adult dogs receiving this vaccine for the first time, the vaccine will need to be “boosted”, or re-administered in one year. For this first vaccine, the cost is \$15.25.

#### **Lyme Disease - \$33.25**

This vaccine protects your dog against Lyme disease, which is spread by ticks.

#### **Heartworm Testing – Idexx 4DX - \$29.50**

The Heartworm Test is a blood test which will detect Heartworms and the presence of Lyme disease and two other tick-borne diseases in an animal's system. We draw a small blood sample and typically run the test here in our hospital laboratory. It usually takes 10-15 minutes. We recommend doing this test every six months because here on the coast we have an abundance of mosquitos, which spread the disease and unfortunately, we do diagnose a high number of positive cases of heartworm disease. We require it be done annually in order to dispense heartworm preventative.

#### **Fecal Testing - \$29.50**

This tests a stool sample for intestinal worms (hookworms, roundworms, whipworms and sometimes visible tapeworm segments), coccidia, and giardia which are micro-organisms in the environment that when ingested can cause gastro-intestinal problems). Our doctors recommend doing this test every six months to ensure that your dog stays free from intestinal parasites, and if they should contract any parasites, they will be detected early and treatment can be administered before problems become serious.

#### **Drontal Dewormer - \$14.50 – \$51.00**

Drontal is a broad-spectrum dewormer, developed by the Bayer Corporation to help combat widespread problem of intestinal parasites. Zoonosis is the transfer of parasites from animals to people, which has become a serious public health problem. By administering Drontal regularly (typically twice yearly for adult dogs), you will not only help your pet remain healthy, but you will also help to prevent people from contracting intestinal parasites. The cost of this medication depends upon your pet's weight.

#### **Wellness Profile \$125.00**

Our health care team may recommend a wellness profile for your pet. This combination of blood work (CBC, Blood Profile, T4, 4DX Heartworm Test) and a urinalysis will provide a picture of your pet's health above and beyond what can be determined upon physical examination. By doing this when your pet is healthy, a baseline will be established, which can be used as a comparison should your pet become ill. We typically recommend this Wellness Profile beginning between the ages of two and three. If this lab work is completed annually, gradual changes will be noted and any problems can be detected as early as possible, providing your pet's best chance for successful treatment. This lab work is completed by Idexx Laboratories. We normally have your pet's results within 48 hours.

#### **Nutrition**

Our team understands that proper nutrition is the cornerstone to good health. In fulfilling our commitment to comprehensive preventive care, we assess all of our patients' nutritional needs and make recommendations for feeding.

#### **Microchip - \$47.99**

We recommend microchips for all pets. Microchips are a permanent form of identification that can save your pet's life. Statistics show that approximately 90% of lost pets do not make it home to their owners. Pets with microchips usually do! We have seen great success in our area for pets with microchips. Our local humane societies microchip all of their adoptees and it is becoming the norm for pet owners. When we have a pet brought to us that has a microchip we are confident that we can reunite that pet with his or her owner. The fee includes complete registration with HomeAgain's national registry.

**If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask our health care team!**  
**Call for your appointment today!**

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