



## House Training Your Dog or Puppy

So you've welcomed a new family member into your home—congratulations! Now comes your first dog-training challenge: **house training**.

House training is not an exact science—there's no sure-fire formula or timetable that will work for every dog. The important thing is to make it a positive experience. Here are a few tips to help you through it.

**Do:** Supervise your dog. Limit the dog's run of the house to the one or two rooms where you are able to see her at all times. Dogs usually show "pre-potting" behavior such as sniffing, circling and walking with stiff back legs; all signs that you should get her to the potty area ASAP! As the training begins to take hold, you can slowly enlarge her territory.

**Don't:** Yell at a dog for a mess she made earlier. If you catch her in the act, it's okay to startle her by clapping or making a noise (hopefully this will stop her long enough for you to whisk her outside). But a dog will not learn anything by being scolded for a past accident, even one a few minutes old. Just clean it up and soldier on.

**Do:** Offer big praise when she gets it right. Whether your goal is for your dog to eliminate on pee pads indoors or to do it outside, you have to really throw a party for her when she succeeds. Lavish her with praise, affection and some yummy treats!

**Don't:** Rub her face in it. In addition to this action making your dog fear you, she's incapable of making the connection that it's the act of soiling indoors you object to—to her, you just really hate pee and poop. If she thinks that the waste itself is what you dislike, she'll only get sneakier about hiding it from you.

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# PREVENTATIVE CANINE CARE GUIDE

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## RABIES



- Protects against rabies
- people can also get rabies
- Required by law for every dog
- Requires county registration
- Required by most groomers, boarding facilities, dog parks and some veterinary treatments

## DISTEMPER



- Combination vaccine
- Protects against distemper, adenovirus, parvovirus, and parainfluenza
- Viruses are spread through other dogs and the environment
- Viruses can be fatal to puppies and seniors

## LEPTO



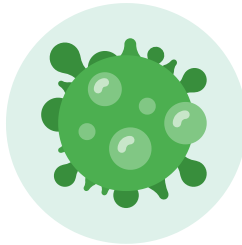
- Protects against osteoporosis
- Virus is spread from stagnant water that wildlife has urinated in
- Deer, raccoons, and rodents can all carry the virus
- Prevalent in areas with a lot of lakes and rain

## BORDETELLA



- Protects against kennel cough
- Recommended for pets that frequent groomers, pet stores, day cares, dog parks, pretty much anywhere in contact with other dogs.
- Required by most boarding and day care facilities
- Can be administered orally or injection

## INFLUENZA



- Protects against canine influenza H3N2 and H3N8 strains
- Recommended for pets that frequent groomers, pet stores, day cares, dog parks, pretty much anywhere in contact with other dogs.
- Was required by most boarding and day care facilities during outbreak

## LYME



- Protects against lyme disease which is transmitted through ticks
- Recommended for dogs living near woody areas, hunting, camping and dog parks
- Very common in our current area
- Can cause leg lameness, blindness, kidney issues, and more

## HEARTWORM TEST



- Tests for heartworms
- Heartworms transmitted by mosquitoes
- Recommended annually as our area is very mosquito heavy
- Heartworms are fatal if not treated, treatment puts heavy strain on canine body
- Treatment for heartworms can be costly (\$1500-\$2000)

## INTESTINAL PARASITE TEST



- Tests for intestinal parasites, commonly referred to as worms
- Transmitted feces to mouth
- Intestinal parasites can cause lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea, and lead to costly treatments
- Many parasites live in moist environment for days so recommended to test annually

## SENIOR BLOOD WORK



- Recommended every 6 months on patients 7 years and older
- Takes a look at internal organ function in case things like diabetes, kidney failure, thyroid issues, and more start creeping up due to age
- Due to rapid aging of dogs, doing annual bloodwork is like grandma getting blood work every 7 years.



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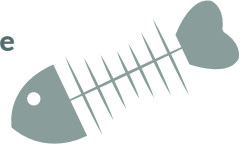
# TOP 5 REASONS TO SPAY AND NEUTER



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## TO PREVENT UNWANTED PUPPIES AND KITTENS.

Every year some 2.7 million pets must be euthanized by overburdened animal shelters. Not only is this a terrible tragedy for those pets but it takes money and time away from the rest. By scheduling your dog or cat for a neuter or spay surgery, you are helping to decrease the number of euthanized animals! The fact is that if a female and her mate produce a litter of eight and then six months later deliver eight more, and their offspring each produce a litter of eight, the family tree could yield 67,000 dogs!



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## TO CONTROL YOUR PET RELATED EXPENSES.

One of the top reasons pets are given over to shelters is the fact that their owners cannot afford to pay for all the extra veterinary care, food and other expenses. Dog or cat neuter and spay surgery will help ensure that you can properly care for the animals you already have. It lowers the cost of rabies certificates and extra medical attention that would be needed if they were not to get spayed or neutered.



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## TO HELP YOUR PET LIVE A LONGER, HEALTHIER LIFE.

Cat and dog neuter surgery removes your pet's risk of testicular cancer, prostate disease and hernias. Cat and dog spay removes the risk of uterine or ovarian cancer and it also slashes the risk of breast cancer by altering your pet's hormone balance. It also prevents females from developing pyometra, a pus-filled uterus that can be deadly if not treated immediately.



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## TO GIVE YOUR PET A HAPPIER LIFE.

Animals tend to grow aggressive, agitated and territorial when they are in heat. Dog or cat spay and neuter surgery removes their cyclic frustration so they can feel more calm and relaxed. Neutered cats and dogs focus their attention on their human families and not on searching for a mate.



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## TO REDUCE UNDESIRABLE BEHAVIOR.

Heat-related misbehavior include spraying urine around your home, snapping at family members or other animals, and roaming the neighborhood at night in search of a mate (a habit that could result in fights with wild animals, fatal encounters with cars or the general loss of your pet). Cat or dog neuter and spay surgery will usually give you a better-behaved pet who is more likely to remain at home and play nicely with others. The longer you wait, the longer these behaviors become habit and the harder it is to break them. Female cats and dogs in heat attract males from great distances, so you if you don't spay or neuter your pet you may end up with some unwanted males visiting your yard.



NEED MORE REASONS? PLEASE GIVE US A CALL AT (847) 356-8387 IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS. WE ARE HAPPY TO WALK YOU THROUGH THE ENTIRE PROCEDURE! WE CAN EVEN TEXT YOU PICTURES AND UPDATES THROUGHOUT THE DAY SO THAT YOU DON'T MISS YOUR CUTIE TOO MUCH ON THE DAY OF THE SPAY OR NEUTER.

