



# Important Questions to Ask Your Vet

## WHAT ARE YOUR HOURS OF OPERATION?

If your puppy gets in a tussle with a porcupine at 11 pm on a Saturday, what are your options? Having a vet open to reasonable hours that don't completely conflict with your work schedule is valuable.

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## WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY YOUR CLINIC?

Surgery, X-ray, and anesthetic capabilities are essential at a vet's office and should be discussed.

- Vaccination Services
- Diagnostic Blood Tests
- In-House Lab Services
- Dentistry Services
- Surgical Services
- Anesthesia
- Dietary Services & Counselling
- Boarding Services

- Pet Loss & Support Services
- Referrals
- Behavior Modification
- Radiology Services
- Ultrasound
- Electrocardiography
- Blood Pressure Monitoring
- Micro-Chipping



## WHAT PARASITES ARE COMMONLY FOUND IN MY AREA?

What can be done to prevent them from infecting my pet?

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## WHAT IS MY PUPPY'S VACCINATION SCHEDULE?

It is crucial to get your dog immunized, so make sure you have a schedule set. Also, ask about deworming and when they recommend this take place.

(USE YOUR HEALTH JOURNAL TO TRACK VACCINATIONS)

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## IS IT NORMAL WHEN MY PUPPY DOES (INSERT BEHAVIOR)?

Your vet not only knows the physiological aspects of dogs, but many of them are very open to discussing training and behavior. Pick their brain!

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## WHEN SHOULD MY PUPPY BE SPAYED/NEUTERED?

This is extremely important for your puppy to receive for both health reasons and the apparent issue of your female dog having an unwanted litter.

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## WHERE IS THE NEAREST 24 HR EMERGENCY PET HOSPITAL?

This is very important information should your pet need emergency medical care.

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## HOW OFTEN SHOULD I BRING MY PUPPY IN FOR A CHECK-UP?

Much like people, it is recommended that your puppy be taken in at set intervals to check their health.

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## **Questions Your Vet May Have For You**

**WHO IS MAINLY CARING FOR YOUR PET?**

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**WHAT IS YOUR PET'S DAILY ROUTINE:**

**When are they waking up? When are they eating? Where and how well are they sleeping?  
What kind of exercise do they get?**

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## WHAT TRAINING METHODS ARE YOU USING AND HOW IS IT GOING?

What behaviors are you trying to stop/practice? How is it going? What questions do you have about house training?

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## HOW HAS YOUR PUPPY BEEN ADJUSTING TO THEIR NEW HOME?

Aside from the typical behaviors exhibited by a puppy exploring their new environment, has your puppy been showing ongoing signs of stress or even pain that concerns you?

### Red Flag Behaviors:

- Avoidance, hiding from people, animals, or things
- Alarm barking, lunging at you or someone else, reacting aggressively
- Ongoing biting or \*mouthing\* during physical handling, accompanied by the stiffening of their body, snarling, and aggressive barking
- Apparent reluctance to make any one movement or labored movements when they sit lay down or move from one position to another
- Refusal to eat when crated or left alone
- Repeated and unrelenting urination and/or bowel movements in the crate

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## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS/NOTES:



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