



FAQ:

What are safe dental bones or chews for my dog?

- It is best to look for products that are VOHC (Veterinary Oral Health Counsel) approved. Natural bones and antlers are harder than enamel and can cause teeth to break. To help tartar from building up, we recommend brushing your dog's teeth daily with pet approved toothpaste that you can purchase in our office or at a pet store.

How often does my dog have to be seen by a veterinarian?

- We should see your dog once a year to do a physical examination to ensure he or she continues to be in good health. At that time we will recommend:
 - Any vaccinations that are due
 - 4Dx Plus – this is a blood test that tests for 5 types of tick diseases and heartworm disease. With tick disease on the rise, it is important to make sure your dog isn't harboring one of the bacterial tick transmitted diseases.
 - Stool sample to test for intestinal parasites
 - Junior/Senior Wellness bloodwork depending on your dog's age for early disease detection
- We should see your dog any time he or she is ill.

How often does my dog need to be tested for Heartworm Disease?

- The American Heartworm Society recommends annual screening for all dogs over 7 months old.

What Heartworm Preventative do you recommend?

- We recommend year round prevention with either Heartgard or Interceptor Plus (pamphlets included in folder). In addition to preventing heartworm disease, these medications also deworm monthly for common intestinal parasites. Ask our veterinarians which product is best suited for your dog.

How can I prevent my dog from getting Lyme Disease?

- We recommend: year round tick control, Lyme vaccination, and checking your dog for ticks on a daily basis.

What flea and tick prevention is best?

- There are 3 different types of products we recommend that prevent fleas and ticks (pamphlets included in folder):
 - Bravecto – this is a chewable tablet that can be administered to dogs who are at least 6 months old and prevention lasts for 12 weeks.
 - Seresto Collar – this collar lasts for 8 months and should stay on for that duration once applied or it might not be as effective. If you have a dog that enjoys swimming, replace the collar every 6 months.
 - Frontline Gold – this is a monthly topical spot on treatment.