

Alta Rancho Pet & Bird Hospital

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New Canine Patient Checklist

<p>Physical Examinations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ Good health begins with preventive medical checkups. During the regular examinations, the doctor will check all the organ systems and make recommendations regarding any problems that are found. ♥ We recommend comprehensive physical exams yearly for pets between 1 and 9 years, then twice yearly. 	<p>Physical Exams Scheduled? <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Nutrition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ Proper nutrition is essential for your dog to thrive. Most dogs should be fed a high quality dog food twice daily. ♥ In general, we recommend Hills T/D diet as a maintenance diet because it helps control dental tartar and obesity. The doctor will discuss your pet's nutritional status and help you select the appropriate diet for your pet during the consultation. ♥ Vitamins: Most dogs will benefit from a well-balanced vitamin/mineral supplement. We recommend Necessities Chewable vitamins. ♥ Always take a few days to switch your dog to any new food by mixing it slowly with the old food. 	<p>Diet Selected? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Vitamins Selected? <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Immunizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ In order to protect your dog from very dangerous diseases, it is important that he/she gets immunizations yearly against the following diseases: Distemper Virus, Hepatitis Virus, Periodontal Vaccine, Parvo Virus, Corona Virus and Bordetella (Kennel Cough) ♥ Rabies vaccinations repeated every 3 years. ♥ We will send you a postcard to remind you next year when these services should be repeated.. 	<p>Vaccinations Scheduled? <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Internal Parasite Control</p> <p>Most of the parasites live in the intestine and steal nutrients from your pet. The only "worms" you are likely to see are Roundworms (small pieces of round spaghetti) or Tapeworms (flat linguine or dried rice grains). We perform stool exams to check for the presence of parasites in the intestines, especially the ones you can't see.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ All dogs should have a stool test performed to check for the presence of internal parasites every year. ♥ If parasites are detected, we will advise you how to get rid of them. ♥ We recommend the monthly Heartworm Prevention and Intestinal Parasite protection with <i>Iverhart Plus</i>. 	<p>Stool Test Performed? <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>External Parasite Control:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ Fleas, ticks, lice, and mites pose a threat to your pet. We highly recommend all dog be placed on the once a month parasite control drug; Frontline Plus which protects your pet against fleas and ticks. ♥ Our staff can help select the most appropriate treatment for your pet. 	<p>Flea Control Products? <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Ear, Skin and Nail Care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ Ears should be cleaned weekly using an appropriate ear cleaner. We recommend <i>Epi-Otic</i>. Fill the ear canals, massage the base of the canal, and clean out the fluid with cotton balls, not Q-tips. ♥ Your dog can be bathed as frequently as once weekly provided you use the appropriate shampoo. We recommend Ectokill Flea and Tick Shampoo as a general shampoo. ♥ It is important to keep your pet's nails trimmed. Teaching them at a young age to allow you to trim them will make it easy throughout their lives. We have trimmers and Kwik Stop styptic powder available for you. 	<p>Ear Cleaning Products? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Shampoo? <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Nail Trimmer & Kwik Stop? <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Dental Care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ Dental disease is the most common medical problem of dogs, affecting 8 out of 10 dogs over the age of 2 years. ♥ Brushing the teeth once daily is advised. We recommend using the CET fingerbrush and poultry flavored toothpaste ♥ Hill's T/D diet can reduce tartar accumulation by up to 30%. ♥ Even with the best dental care, most dogs will require dental cleaning every 12 to 18 months which can be done here. 	<p>Dental Cleaning Products? <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Sterilization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ We recommend all pets be sterilized at an early age to prevent unwanted pregnancy, reduce the chance of certain tumors, eliminate the problems associated with heat cycle and to prevent infections of the uterus or prostate. If you are planning to breed your pet, you should do so by 5 years of age and then have the sterilization procedure performed. 	<p>Sterilization Surgery Scheduled? <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Healthguard Preventive Medical Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ We offer a variety of cost saving preventive medical programs for each age group that can save you up to 20% recommended services and 10% off on the diets we offer. Just another sign of our commitment to you and your pets. Ask our receptionist about these cost saving programs today! 	<p>Enrolled in Health-Guard Program? <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Assisted by: _____ **Please call and ask for me if you have any questions.**