



# HILLSIDE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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## Wellness Care for Adult Dogs

<p>Yearly or as recommended</p>	<p>Examination with:  <b>DAP</b> vaccine  <b>BORDETELLA</b> vaccine  <b>RABIES</b> - every 3 years          Deworming Medication recommended  <i>*Optional (non-core) Vaccines include Lyme, Leptospirosis, and Giardia</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the annual examination the health and wellness of your pet will be assessed. The Dr. will discuss: diet, changes of weight or appetite, water intake, behavior changes, abnormal teeth or gums, lethargy, diarrhea or vomiting, changes in skin or hair coat, flea and parasite control.</li> </ul>	
<p>Dental Care</p>	<p>The importance of routine dental care cannot be stressed enough. Proper dental care actually helps prevent many health problems as your pet ages. Our wellness exams always include a thorough examination of the mouth.</p> <p>Prevention:          -a dental diet designed to prevent tartar buildup          -toothbrush and toothpaste kits          -dental chew treats</p> <p>Dental Cleanings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once tartar has noticeably accumulated on the surface of the teeth, the next step is a professional cleaning. Even the most obedient pets won't lie back and keep their mouths open, so this procedure needs to be done under general anesthesia.</li> </ul> <p>Delaying or abstaining from dental cleanings can have drastic implications on your pet's overall health. As tartar builds up, abscesses may form along the gum line or in the tooth roots. Left unattended, the infection can enter the bloodstream, leading to health problems with internal organs.</p>
<p>Weight Control and Joint Care</p>	<p>Maintaining your pet at a healthy weight prevents or minimizes a variety of health risks including arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, and breathing problems.</p> <p>Healthy weight is achieved and maintained through a balanced diet and exercise. If your pet is overweight, our</p>

	<p>Veterinarians and Animal Health Technologists can create a weight-loss plan specific to your pet's needs.</p> <p>Older pets frequently suffer from arthritis and joint pain. Proper joint care can increase your pet's quality of life. In addition to maintaining a healthy weight, we offer several supplements and diets for joint health.</p>
Deworming	<p>We recommend yearly preventive deworming. Tapeworms are acquired from ingesting fleas or small rodents and require treatment with the appropriate medication.</p>
Fleas	<p>A major problem in Victoria! We recommend an "integrated flea control program"</p>

### General Information for Dog Owners:

1. **DAP Vaccine** - is a "multi-vaccine" that will protect your dog from canine distemper, hepatitis and parvovirus.
2. **LYME Vaccine** - will protect your dog from the "tick-borne" bacterial disease. The risk your pet faces varies by the season and region. If you are hiking, camping and in wooded areas or trails it may be a concern. Ticks are most active from April-November.
3. **Bordetella Vaccine** - "Kennel Cough" is an infection much like colds in humans. The air-borne Bordetella organism is easily transmitted by other dogs causing upper respiratory irritation and coughing. It may be a concern if your dog is around other dogs.
4. **RABIES vaccine** - is recommended for any dog going outdoors. Rabies can be transmitted by bats, raccoons and skunks. It is especially important to vaccinate cats as most rabies cases in domestic animal occur in cats and it can be a threat to humans.
5. **HEARTWORM TESTING & PREVENTION**- if you are traveling off Vancouver Island this is a consideration for your dog. Heartworm is spread by infected mosquitoes and can be a life-threatening parasite. Blood tests are recommended to check your dog before starting the preventative medication (treatment usually May-November).
6. **FLEAS** - are a major problem in Victoria! We recommend an "integrated flea control program", with the elimination of fleas with safe topical products and prevention of future flea generations with Program™.
7. **PET INSURANCE** - is highly recommended to offset the large expenses of medical problems or injury. To avoid disaster, check out the brochures today.
8. **PET IDENTIFICATION** - Tattooing is available at our hospital. As part of a province wide registration program, your pet will have a unique ID number to identify it, if lost or injured. Microchip ID will identify your pet worldwide. Both procedures can be done at the same time as spaying or neutering. A microchip can also be inserted during a regular appointment.
9. Healthy Pets and Kids – learn more on the website: [www.growingupwithpets.ca](http://www.growingupwithpets.ca)

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Complete Pet Care - 7 days a week