

Congratulations on adopting your new puppy! Bringing home a new pet is always exciting, even magical, and there's no doubt that you're going to have so much fun together. One of the first things you should do when you bring your new pet home is to introduce him or her to us – your veterinary care team. Puppy visits offer a unique opportunity to get you and your new pet off on the right foot! Your puppy visit will include a full “nose-to-tail” physical examination. We will look for any signs of illness and make sure that your new pet is in good health. Things to remember on the day of the appointment:

Register Online: Time saving tip: register your pet online or print your pet's info at New Patient.

Feed Less: Don't feed your pet right before coming for the visit or feed less than the normal amount. This will alleviate any chance of throwing up if your pet were to have motion sickness.

Safe Car Ride: Use a carrier for smaller puppy breeds with their favorite toys and blanket.

Medical/Vaccine Records: Bring any records coming with your new puppy (health certificate, preventative care record, etc.).

Vaccines due? What to expect: A few pets may experience some lethargy and soreness from the vaccinations, which may last up to 24 hrs. Very rarely severe adverse reactions may happen which requires immediately medical attention. We strongly recommend priming your pet with diphenhydramine (Benadryl) to alleviate such reaction.

Bring Some Poop: We may have to perform some diagnostic tests to make sure your pet is healthy internally as well. One test is the intestinal parasite screen. Bringing a stool sample (about one gram) in a clean container or plastic bag will expedite the testing process and you can return home with the results. Don't worry if you can't get a sample; we will get a fresh sample while your pet is here.

Parasite Control: Know what kind of flea/tick medications and heartworm medications your pet is on. We strongly recommend year round parasite control.

Come with Questions: Write down any questions or concerns to ask our team and DVM.

How Long Will This Take? Expect 40-45 minutes for this appointment.