

Tolland Veterinary Hospital

Wellness Exam - Guidelines

Your pet is here today for a wellness exam. A comprehensive physical examination is an important tool in detecting early abnormalities and assuring a long and healthy life. This examination includes: Weight and vital signs gauging; Skin and haircoat assessment; Eyes, ears and nose evaluation; Oral examination; Heart and lung auscultation; Bones, joints and spine palpation; Abdomen and lymph nodes palpation.

During this wellness visit we will assure that your pet is protected against common diseases and update vaccines as needed. In order to detect illnesses that cannot be discovered with a physical examination alone, we may collect blood and run essential blood tests.

VACCINATIONS and TICK/FLEAS/HEARTWORM CONTROL

There are two types of vaccines. The first is known as core-vaccine and should be administered to every pet. The second type of vaccine is given based on the pet's life style and geographical place of living. The following are the recommended vaccines:

Vaccine	Who needs it?	TO DO TODAY
Rabies	Every dog (Core Vaccine)	
Distemper	Every dog (Core vaccine)	
Lyme (Transferred by ticks)	All dogs in New England	
Leptospirosis (Fatal infection transferred via contact with wild animal's urine, Zoonotic)	Active dogs who go for walks in the woods, might drink from standing water or live in proximity to wild animals such as raccoons and opossums	
Bordetella	Dogs that may come in contact with other dogs	
Influenza	Dogs that may stay in kennels, boarding facility or dog parks	
Tick/Flea Control and Heartworm preventative	All dogs in New England. Should be used year-round	

TESTS and MICROCHIP

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Below are common tests that help us to determine if your dog requires any further treatment. It also establishes a baseline values to which we can compare in future years.

Test	When should it be done?	TO DO TODAY
Fecal test (check for intestinal parasites)	Once a year, or more if your dog having soft stool or been boarded or likes to hunt or likes to eat stool	
Heartworm test (Also check for common tick-borne infections, Lyme, Ehrlichia and Anaplasma)	Once a year, or more if exposure to ticks occurred or if not on heartworm preventative	
CBC (Complete Blood Count) and Chemistry panel, +/- Thyroid test	If your dog was tested positive for <i>tick-borne disease</i> in the past, Or if your dog is a senior (7 years and older) Or in order get a baseline picture of your dog systemic functions	
Lyme titer (C6)	If your pet was tested positive for Lyme in the past	
Thyroid hormone test	If your dog is overweight, slowing down and having chronic skin issues	
Microchip	Any time	

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