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's custom recommendations to increase the length and quality of Mitsy's life as a beloved member of the Willis family. Prepared on March 08, 2005.

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Your Dog's LifeStyle

Adult Canine Social Indoor: 📅 Last: 03/08/2005

Your pet mostly stays indoors but does come in contact with other dogs by being shown, boarded, groomed or attending obedience classes.

12 Body Systems Exam: We recommend an examination of all twelve of the body systems. We will provide a full color printed report of the findings of this examination.

Twice Yearly: 📅 Last: 01/31/2005 Next: 07/31/2005 Frequency: every 6 months

We recommend a physical examination twice a year on all normal pets. Because pets age seven years for every one of humans, having a physical examination every six months for a pet is like a human having an exam every three and one half years. Pets cannot talk to communicate how they feel so they are on a faster path toward illness than humans. Many pets mask their illness from us, so only an experienced veterinarian can perform a proper exam to determine the state of wellness.



Immunizations

Rabies: We recommend a Rabies Vaccination for your pet. Rabies is the most frequently requested vaccine for pets because most people have heard of this highly fatal viral infection of the nervous system which affects all warm-blooded animals species. Rabies is one of the few 100% fatal diseases that is transferable to humans from pets. It is a State Law that all dogs, cats, and ferrets be vaccinated for rabies. We recommend a Rabies Vaccination for all pets at risk, e.g. outdoor pets and pets that will come in contact with other animals.

Rabies 3-year: 📅 Recommended Frequency: every 3 years

The rabies immunization is recommended every 3 years for pets that are indoor pets and do not come in close contact with wild animals.

Distemper : We recommend Distemper Immunization for your pet. The term dis-temper literally means "Bad" "Temper". It is an old term that meant a severe cold or flu. Distemper is a viral disease of dogs that is usually fatal. It affects the respiratory system causing severe flu-like symptoms at first. Most puppies will survive this episode, but approximately two weeks later, they will develop the fatal neurologic form of the disease. The virus then infects the brain and the puppy may have "chewing gum fits" and seizures. Vaccination starting at 6 weeks of age then every 3 to 4 weeks until your puppy is 16 weeks of age protects your puppy.

Distemper 1-year: 📅 Recommended Frequency: every year

Distemper immunization is recommended once a year for pet's that are under 2 years of age. It is also recommended for social or solitary outdoor pets.

Parvovirus: We recommend a Parvovirus Vaccination for your pet. This highly contagious disease of dogs is relatively new (1974) and often results in death, especially in puppies. Parvovirus normally infects the dog's intestines, lymphoid tissue and bone marrow. The result is vomiting; severe, often fatal, bloody diarrhea; and severe dehydration. It mostly affects young pets that have not been adequately immunized. Vaccination every 3 to 4 weeks beginning at 6 weeks of age through 16 weeks (4 months) of age is necessary to protect a pet from Parvovirus. We recommend a yearly Parvovirus Booster vaccination, particularly for all pets at risk, e.g. outdoor pets and pets that will come in contact with other animals.

Parvo 1-year: 📅 Recommended Frequency: every year

Parvo immunization is recommended once a year for pet's that are under 2 years of age. It is also recommended for social or solitary outdoor pets.

Bordetella: We recommend a Bordetella immunization for your pet. This highly contagious bacterium causes respiratory disease and is the most common contributor to canine cough and pneumonia. Animals are usually vaccinated against Bordetella prior to boarding, grooming, dog shows, or hospitalization. The vaccination should be given 10-days to two-weeks prior to boarding if possible. Signs of infection include a dry, hacking cough or coughing spasms followed by retching or gagging. Toy breeds and geriatric dogs are especially high risk for chronic respiratory disease. The intranasal vaccination gives some immunity within twenty-four to thirty-six hours.

Bordetella 1-year:  **Recommended Frequency: every year**

We recommend that Bordetella be given to your pet intranasally once a year if your pet is not in a social environment like boarding, grooming, or has direct contact with other animals on a regular basis.

Heartworms

Sentinel®: SENTINEL (Milbemycin Oxime/Lufenuron) Tablets offer complete protection against heartworms and fleas. One tablet, once a month, with a meal has proven effective in preventing heartworm disease, in preventing and controlling flea infestations, and protecting against intestinal worms. SENTINEL acts like 'birth control' for fleas by stopping them from reproducing, so they can't cause an infestation. SENTINEL also protects against hookworms, whipworms, and two kinds of roundworms. SENTINEL has been proven safe for dogs, even puppies as young as four weeks, weighing two pounds or more.

Dogs 51-100 lbs (White Box):  **Last: 01/31/2005**

Please accurately weigh your pet to ensure this is the correct medication dose for your pet.

Intestinal Parasites

Deworming: We recommend strategic deworming for your pet. Strategic worming makes the assumption that your pet has or has been exposed to parasites and that these parasites are a threat to your pet, your family, and the environment. Strategic worming is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control to prevent transmission of parasites from pets to people. We will need to repeat this treatment in 2 weeks to be effective. For more information on strategic deworming please visit the Centers for Disease Control website at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/ascaris/prevention.htm>.

Adult Strategic Worming Twice Yearly:  **Recommended Frequency: every 6 months**

Strategic Worming is recommended by the CDC four times a year. We recommend deworming four times a year unless your pet is on Sentinel, Interceptor, or Heartgard.

Flea Prevention

Advantix®:  **Recommended Frequency: every 6 months**



Advantix is a topical prevention and treatment for ticks, fleas, and mosquitos for dogs only. It must be applied monthly to be effective. Repels and kills ticks, including deer ticks, american dog ticks, brown dog ticks, and lone star ticks for up to 4 weeks. Kills 98-100% of the fleas on dogs within 12 hours and continues to prevent infestations for at least 4 weeks. It kills fleas before they lay their eggs and kills larval flea stages on contact. Repels and kills mosquitos for up to 4 weeks. Advantix remains effective after bathing and swimming.

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Pet Behavior

Behavior Concerns: Last: 01/31/2005

Behavioral concerns are very common with pets and may be the most common reason for pet abandonment and pet euthanasia. This is sad because most pet behavioral problems can be diagnosed and treated when the proper care and knowledge are applied to your pet's issues.

Pet Training

Obedience: Recommended

We recommend obedience training for your pet which will establish a line of communication between you and your pet. Your pet will learn commands such as sit, down, stay and come that will enable you to control your pet on and off a leash. These programs usually run from 6 to 8 weeks. Please ask a Health Care Team Member for more information.

Planned Care Options

VPI Superior Plan: Recommended

Veterinary Pet Insurance provides an insurance plan with premiums starting at just \$ 16.25 per month. The Superior Plan provides an annual benefit maximum of \$14,000* and a deductible of \$50.00 per incident. See their website at PetInsurance.com for more details.

*Your policy will pay up to the specified amount per covered illness or accident and is subject to the corresponding plan's Benefit Schedule. Sample Benefit Schedule allowances are included in the brochure available at the front desk. A complete Benefit Schedule listing will be sent with your policy. Plan type and benefits are subject to state availability. Rates are effective 4/02/01 and are subject to change. Outside Maryland, rates include \$12 Lost & Found Registration fee. Please be aware that the brochure is not a policy, call 888-PROTECT for complete details. Veterinary fees will vary.

Microchip Placement

Microchip Placement: Recommended

A microchip is recommended to be placed during the first puppy visits, at the time of spay/neuter, or as needed when older. The microchip is a tiny device that is inserted under the pet's skin. This device has an identification number that is registered by the pet owner. The identification number can easily be read by a scanner that most veterinary clinics and shelters have on hand. If your pet is lost or stolen then this identification number can be tracked back to the original owner.

Blood Tests


Blood Screen: We recommend a Wellness Blood Screen for your pet. This test will help us assess internal organ functions that cannot be determined based on physical examination alone. Indications of internal organ functions such as the liver and kidney functions as well as the presence of infection or anemia can be determined.

Blood Screen Twice Yearly:  Last: 03/08/2005 Next: 09/08/2005 Frequency: every 6 months

Results are Pending:  Last: 03/08/2005

Heartworm Antigen Test: This test will determine if adult, female heartworms are present in your pet's heart, which will help us determine if your pet has heartworms prior to the administration of heartworm preventative.

Heartworm Test Once Yearly:  Recommended Frequency: every year

Recommended:  Last: 03/08/2005

Results are Pending:  Last: 03/08/2005

Stool and Urine Tests

Urinalysis:

The biochemical properties of the urine are tested in a urinalysis, and can help to determine the cause of a urinary tract disorder. The presence of blood or white blood cells in the urine indicates inflammation, while a change in the acid content of the urine may indicate infection. Microscopic evidence of crystals may indicate that bladder or kidney stones are present and microscopic evidence of casts (from the kidney) can be an early warning of kidney disease. The concentration of the urine can reflect kidney function and the presence of dehydration. The presence of glucose is suggestive of diabetes. Other biochemical tests can be completed and if infection is suspected, a culture of the urine will be recommended.

Urinalysis Once Yearly:  **Recommended Frequency: every year**

E.R.D. Test: The E.R.D. (Early Renal Disease) screening test detects microalbuminuria (very small amounts of albumin proteins) in the urine of dogs, which is an early indicator for kidney disease. This new test is the most accurate way to determine if your pet's kidneys are normal. Other tests traditionally used do not indicate any dysfunction of the kidneys until 75% of the kidneys are damaged. We recommend that your pet have this test completed once a year.

E.R.D. Test Once Yearly:  **Recommended Frequency: every year**

Adult Fecal Tests: We recommend Wellness Fecal Testing for your pet. Intestinal parasites can be identified by examination of your pet's stools for the presence of worms or worm eggs. We recommend these tests to identify parasites that may be either a threat to your pet or to your family.

Adult Fecal Tests Once Yearly:  **Recommended Frequency: every year**

Heart Function Tests

ECG: The ECG, or Electrocardiogram, monitors the electrical activity of the heart. It can help determine the reason for irregular heartbeats and abnormal heart sounds, and determine heart dysfunction in pets that have no external signs of heart disease.

ECG Once Yearly:  **Last: 03/08/2005 Next: 03/08/2006 Frequency: every year**


Eye Disease Tests

Glaucoma Test:  **Recommended Frequency: every year**

A Glaucoma Screening will help us determine if the eye contains excessive pressure, which is generated by fluid production within the eye. As the fluid is produced, it is drained from the eye through the filtration angle. Anything that reduces the drainage of the fluid will cause an increase in the pressure within the eye. Pressure increases can lead to blindness because of the negative effect on the retinal and optic nerve. Increased intraocular pressure is called glaucoma, which is a common hereditary disease in many pets and routine screening is recommended.

Radiographs

Radiographs - General: Radiographs can help diagnose the underlying cause of illness. Sedation may be required to facilitate proper positioning.

Recommended:  **Last: 03/08/2005**

Results are Pending:  **Last: 03/08/2005**

Nutrition

Hill's Veterinary Diets - Canine: There are three things that affect the longevity of your pet: the first is genetics, which we have no control over, the second is environment, which only you have control over, and the third is nutrition. We recommend Hill's Prescription and Hill's Science Diet foods because we know they will enhance the quality and quantity of your pet's life.

Prescription Diet® Canine r/d® Dry:  **Last: 01/31/2005**




For the Nutritional Management of Obese or Overweight Pets. Being overweight can cause your pet discomfort, reduce energy levels, and even shorten their life. Just as in people, weight gain is usually associated with excessive calorie and fat intake combined with a lack of exercise. Obesity can lead to such serious conditions as heart disease, arthritis, diabetes and others. Prescription Diet Canine r/d was designed specifically for the management of weight problems in dogs.

Grooming

Bathing:  **Recommended Frequency: every 6 weeks**

Bathing is a multistep process that completely cleans your pet. The pet is wet completely with warm water. Use a liquid flea shampoo or other shampoo as directed by the veterinarian or groomer. The shampoo is lathered and applied to the back and topline of the pet to start the lathering. The lather is spread over the legs and underside and applied to the face with a cloth to prevent it from getting into the eyes. The coat may be brushed to dissolve any dirt or loosen debris or dead skin. Pay special attention to the ears, rectum area, and pads of the feet. Then, if necessary, the shampoo is repeated. Irritation will result if the shampoo is allowed to stay close to the skin. The pet is rinsed thoroughly - this is an essential step. When rinsing, hold your thumb in the ear canal to prevent water from entering and keep a hand over the eyes to keep any soap from getting into them. A rinse is applied to the coat after the shampoo has been removed to coat the fur and prevent drying by the shampoo. The coat should be squeezed to remove excess water, then towed dry before grooming. Professional grooming salons may towel dry or use a pet dryer to dry the coat before grooming.

Reproduction

Pet Neutering:  **Last: 01/31/2005**

Neutering is the term used to denote removing the ability of a pet to reproduce. Neutering is the correct term for either males or females but is more commonly used to denote the surgical removal of the sexual organs in a male pet. A spay is the surgical removal of the sexual organs in a female pet. We recommend neutering for all pets not explicitly used for breeding purposes. Neutered pets have fewer diseases, roam less, fight less, have cancer less, and live longer.

Dental Disease

Dental Cleaning Twice Yearly:  **Recommended Frequency: every 6 months**

A dental cleaning is an important part of general health care maintenance for your pet. The teeth are a potential source for life-threatening infections to the heart, liver, and kidney if periodontal disease develops. Pet's teeth are very similar to human's teeth and dental disease is very common in pets. Routine dental care is recommended because maintaining good oral health will greatly improve the health and breath of your pet. Teeth cleaning procedures completed at our hospital followed by our recommended home care treatments are the best way to ensure the long life of your pet's teeth.

C.E.T.® Oral Rinse:  **Recommended**

Chlorhexidine-based C.E.T. Oral Hygiene Rinse provides effective plaque control without brushing. Great way to clean teeth when brushing isn't possible. Simply insert the applicator tip and the rinse will spread throughout the oral cavity, coating the teeth, creating a protection barrier against bacteria. Reduces bad breath, while providing soothing, temporary relief of minor gum irritation.