

P.E.T.S. Low Cost Spay and Neuter Clinic Vaccination Guidelines and Tips

- Puppies and kittens should begin their shots between 6-8 weeks of age. Each booster is \$15.00 and should be given every 3-4 weeks until the puppy or kitten is 20 weeks.
- Puppies and kittens 8 weeks or older should be de-wormed every 2 weeks until they are put on heartworm preventative.
- The Kennel Cough Vaccine should be given 3-7 days prior to boarding depending on your boarding facility's requirement. If your pet has never received a kennel cough vaccine, a second vaccine should be given 2 weeks after the first.
- The Feline Leukemia Vaccine does not treat leukemia. Our vet recommends you test your cat before administering the vaccine. If your cat is exclusively indoors you may choose to only update the vaccine every 2-3 years. Out door cats should be vaccinated every year for feline leukemia.
- Rabies is required by law and can be given to pets 12 weeks or older. If given twice in a twelve month period, the vaccine is good for 3 years in Wichita County. Otherwise it expires yearly. You must follow the requirements of your local authorities regarding the frequency of rabies vaccination.
- Never give a sick animal vaccines. Vaccinating for a disease that an animal already has does not treat or help. It can make the animal worse. If your pet has been exposed to an illness, even if they are acting normal, please wait 10-14 days before vaccinating or as advised by your vet.
- Heartworm Preventative pills should be started after your dog turns 12 weeks old but before he or she is 6 months old. A heartworm test is required for dogs over 6 months of age. Once your dog has been tested, P.E.T.S. can prescribe 12 months of preventative to your dog. Preventative must be purchased within 30 days of the test. A heartworm test is required every year to renew the prescription. Preventative Pills should be given monthly and all year long. DO NOT stop administering heartworm pills during winter months. Heartworm disease is a year round threat in Texas. Furthermore, heartworm preventative pills prevent your dog from contracting many other types of worms that are native to Texas and can be transmitted to humans. A worm free dog is a happy dog.
- If you have tested or purchased heartworm preventative from a different veterinarian, P.E.T.S. can sell you a 6 months supply of preventative if you bring proof of the test and proof that your dog has been on preventative for 6 months.
- Heartworm disease is FATAL. It is a disgusting and slow death that can be prevented by an inexpensive monthly preventative. In-door dogs are at risk as well. Heartworm treatment is expensive and hard on your dog. Please keep your dogs on heartworm preventative all year long.