

New Puppy Information

A Brief Guide On What To Expect With Your New Pet





Dear Client,

Congratulations on your new pet. We put together the following information for your convenience. Let us know if you have further questions!

Our mission is to fulfill the needs of our clients by providing quality pet health care services through a responsive and professional staff with the emphasis on individual attention and commitment to our clients, their pets, and our community.

Our hospital is equipped to provide medical, surgical, diagnostic, and therapeutic services to care for your pet's healthcare needs. We have state-of-the-art surgical suites, radiology services with digital X-ray equipment at all three of our locations, electrocardiography services, in-house laboratory, dentistry, rehabilitation services, and much more!

Ellen Imhof DVM Practice Owner





Three Locations To Better Serve You

Aurora Veterinary Clinic

305 Aurora Commons Circle Aurora, OH 44202 Phone: 330-562-5100 Fax: 330-562-4960

Mantua Veterinary Clinic

4789 East High Street Mantua, OH 44255 Phone: 330-274-8211 Fax: 330-274-3352

Streetsboro Veterinary Center

9324 State Route 43 Streetsboro, OH 44241 Phone: 330-422-1617 Fax: 330-422-1627

Obedience Classes & Trainers

Kenston Community Education

Chagrin Falls, OH 440-543-2552

Custom Canine

Medina, OH 330-278-2980

Canine University

Aurora, OH 440-232-9646

Paws N Claws

Streetsboro, OH 440-941-7297

All Dogs Go To Kevin

Stow, OH 330-474-9170

Four Legged Scholars LLC

Garrettsville, OH 440-548-7312

Local Groomers

Salty Dog Pet Spa

Streetsboro, OH 330-626-5656

Katz & Dogs Mobile Grooming

Chesterland, OH 216-978-7055



Dog Licenses ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED BY THREE MONTHS OF AGE

Portage County

330-297-6924



Summit County

330-653-2845

Geauga County

440-285-2222 Ext. 387





We are here to help you and your new addition to have the best start possible to living a long healthy life. These early months are extraordinarily important in guiding the health and behavior of your young puppy and the adult dog they will become. We will conduct a physical exam to assess your pet's health at each visit as your puppy changes so quickly during these early months.

Together at your pet's appointments, we will discuss your dog's health risk factors and determine what is essential for care.

Here is what to expect:

	First Visit (6-9 weeks)	Second Visit (10-13 weeks)	Third Visit (15-17weeks)
Physical Exam & Consultation	*	*	*
Parasite Assessment & Prevention	*	*	*
Feeding & Nutrition Counseling	*	*	*
Potty Training Check-In	**	*	*
Environment & Socialization	**	*	*
Discuss Behavior	**	*	*
Discuss Grooming	**		
Immunizations	**	*	*
Pet Health Insurance	**		
Microchipping			*
Discuss Spay or Neuter			*



How to Brush Your Dog's Teeth



Dental disease, especially periodontal disease, is the most common disease in our canine companions. It is also one of the most preventable and treatable diseases. We can reduce or even prevent dental disease by daily toothbrushing and having professional teeth cleanings. The following are steps to guide you on how to brush your dog's teeth.

- 1. It is best to start with a clean healthy mouth such as with a young pet with new healthy teeth OR after you have had a professional teeth cleaning.
- 2. You will need a soft bristled toothbrush and veterinary toothpaste. Do not use human toothpaste and or baking soda as they will cause illness. Veterinary toothpastes have flavors that are appealing to dogs. Anything other than a bristled toothbrush will not get below the gumline which is the most important area to brush.
- 3. There are several important facts about our pet's mouths that tell us when, where, and how to brush. Periodontal disease usually affects the upper back teeth first, and the worst. Plaque builds up on the tooth surface daily, especially just under the gumline. It takes less than 36 hours for this plaque to become mineralized and harden into tartar that cannot be removed with a brush. Because of this, brushing should be done daily.
- 4. Pick a time of the day that will be convenient for your pet's daily routine. Brushing before a daily treat can help your pet look forward to brushing time. Take a few days to let both you and your pet become accustomed to the process. Follow with praise and a treat each time. Most importantly try to make this a positive experience and not a negative one.
- 5. Start by offering them a taste of the veterinary toothpaste. The next time let your pet taste the toothpaste and run your finger along the gums of the upper teeth. Repeat this process with the toothbrush. Get the bristles of the brush along the gumline of the upper teeth. Repeat the process with the toothbrush. Get the bristles of the brush along the gumline of the upper back teeth and angle slightly up so the bristles get under the gumline. Work from back to front making small circles along the gumlines. It should take you less than 30 seconds to brush your pet's teeth. Do not try to brush the entire mouth at first as to not overwhelm your pet.
- 6. Even with the best tooth brushing, dogs still need professional teeth cleanings just like humans. By brushing your pet's teeth daily and curtailing the amount of periodontal disease, you can reduce the frequency and involvement of dental cleanings and provide your pet with a healthier smile.