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## Dog Recommendations

### YEARLY VACCINATIONS RECOMMENDED:

1. Canine Distemper
2. Rabies (initially they receive a 1 year vaccine and then can move to a 3 year vaccine)

### PARASITE MANAGEMENT:

A yearly fecal exam is recommended and deworming based upon the fecal results. If tapeworms are noted (grains of rice coming from an animal's anus) then deworming is recommended then.

### SPAYING & NEUTERING & OTHER SURGERIES:

Spay & neuter are recommended for all dogs over 4 months of age. At this point, spays are referred to a local small animal clinic; however, LVVS can perform the neuters. Please contact for details as LVVS can perform the surgery at other clinics. Often times LVVS can do much of the prep work (such as pre-op bloodwork) before a surgery so you only have to go straight in for the surgery itself.

### YEARLY PREVENTATIVES:

Dogs are plagued with many parasites. The most annoying being fleas and most devastating being a disease transmitted by mosquito called heartworm disease. As fleas and mosquitoes can live in houses and be present at any time during the year it is recommended to be on year-long preventatives. A negative heartworm test is required to be on heartworm preventative. There are many options for controlling these parasites. Prices are listed at the pharmacy at [lickngvalleyvet.com](http://lickngvalleyvet.com) and here is a general outline of their control factors. Please remember most of these also control specific gastrointestinal parasites as well. Please call, email or research on the pharmacy for more specific information on control:

Flea Control Only: Comfortis

Flea & Tick Control: Frontline, Bravecto(3 month duration), NexGuard

Heartworm control only: Heartguard

Flea & Heartworm Control: Trifexis

### OTHER:

LVVS can manage and aid in many common canine conditions such as arthritis problems and skin/ear issues. We also provide at-home euthanasia services. For complex conditions that require surgery or more in-depth work-up you may be referred to a local clinic. Small animal emergencies are referred to a local small animal clinic and although after-hours advice for canine emergencies can be given all after-hours small animal work is referred to the local emergency clinic.