

# ***Annual Recommendations For Dogs***

## **0 to 1 year of age**

- Series of vaccinations for new puppies
- Heartworm medication (and possibly testing based on your puppy's date of birth)
- Fecal exam with deworming treatment if necessary
- Discussion of diet, socialization, puppy behavior, toys at your puppy's initial examination
- Neutering
  - Females around 6 months of age
  - Males around 9-10 months of age

## **1 to 6 years of age**

- Wellness exam
- Rabies vaccination
- Distemper, Adenovirus/Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, Canine Coronavirus and Canine Parvovirus combination vaccination (given every other year after age 2)
- Leptospirosis vaccination
- Fecal exam for intestinal parasites
- Heartworm test (preferably completed in February, March, or April)
- Heartworm preventative administered May 1st through December 1st (given all year around if your dog travels with you to warmer climates in the winter)
- Bordetella (Kennel cough)
- Borrelia (Lyme) vaccination begin April 1 (if your dog is exposed to ticks, goes into the woods or rural areas, especially in Wisconsin or Michigan, or highway waysides)
- Flea control (given middle to late spring to December)
- Tick control if your dog goes in the woods or has had ticks previously
- Dental exam and cleaning if needed

## **7 years of age**

- Above care for 1-6 years plus:
- Senior chemistry panel and CBC with differential
- Dental exam (high priority)
- Ultrasound for large breeds to screen for tumors (especially in the spleen)

## **8+ years of age**

- Above care for 1-7 years plus:
- Urinalysis including microscopic evaluation
- Thyroid screen with blood chemistry
- Nutrition discussion for senior dietary needs
- Cushing's screen
- Radiographs for possible arthritis
- Weight control