

# WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT MY DOG'S HEALTH?

OUR MISSION: THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF YOUR PET



## So, FAECAL EXAMINATIONS (INTESTINAL PARASITES)

- DURING FIRST PUPPY CLINICAL EXAMINATION
- AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR
- RECOMMENDED IN CASE OF GASTROINTESTINAL SYMPTOMS (DIARRHEA/VOMIT)

## VACCINATIONS AND PREVENTATIVE CARE ( DISEASE PREVENTION – DOG AND FAMILY HEALTH)

### PUPPIES:

- FROM 3 WEEKS: INTRANASAL VACCINE FOR INFECTIOUS LARINGO-THRACHEITIS
- 6-8 WEEKS : PUPPY VACCINE (DISTEMPER, PARVOVIRUS)
- AFTER 20 DAYS : EXTENDED VACCINE (CEPPI: distemper, infectious hepatitis, parvovirus, influenza. + L4 : leptospirosis + serum variants).
- AFTER 20 DAYS : EXTENDED VACCINE (Ceppi-L4).
- AFTER 6 MONTHS: EXTENDED VACCINE (Ceppi-L4).
- AFTER 1 YEAR: EXTENDED VACCINE (Ceppi-L4).

### ADULT (AFTER 1 YEAR OF AGE):

- ANNUAL BOOSTER L4
- ANNUAL BOOSTER INTRANASAL VACCINE FOR INFECTIOUS LARINGO-THRACHEITIS
- EVERY THREE-YEARS BOOSTER Ceppi

### OTHER VACCINES:

- RABIES VACCINE (MANDATORY FOR PET PASSPORT TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE ITALY)
- LEISHMANIASIS VACCINE



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## ONCE A YEAR IN MARCH/APRIL: QUICK BLOOD TEST TO CHECK FOR HEARTWORM (DIROFILARIA IMMITIS) AND INJECTION OF SLOW RELEASE TREATMENT, GUARDIAN SR.

### PROPHYLAXIS FOR HEARTWORM:

ONCE A YEAR IN MARCH/APRIL IT IS IMPORTANT TO PERFORM A RAPID TEST FOR THE DETECTION OF THIS DISEASE, THE TEST CHECKS FOR OTHER DISEASES FOR EXAMPLE TICKS AND LEISHMANIA. PROFILASSIS CONSISTS OF A SINGLE AND SAFE INJECTION, ONCE A YEAR.

### PROPHYLAXIS LEISHMANIOSIS

THIS IS A TYPICAL MEDITERRANEAN DISEASE (central and southern Italy), ENDEMIC IN ITALY. IT IS TRANSMITTED DURING HOT MONTHS AND CAN AFFECT DOGS AND PEOPLE. TO PREVENT THE DISEASE, IT IS NECESSARY TO DO A SIMPLE BLOOD TEST ONCE A YEAR, ( TO BE REPEATED 3 MONTHS AFTER STAYING IN AN ENDEMIC AREA). IF THE TEST IS NEGATIVE, IT IS POSSIBLE TO ADMINISTER A VACCINE. RECENT INFO FROM THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICE SHOWS AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CASES AND THE PRESENCE OF THE VECTOR (SANDFLY) IN FERRARA.



### MICROCHIP & PASSPORT

A MICROCHIP IS REQUIRED BY LAW, TO HELP REDUCE STRAYS AND ABANDONMENT.

DECLARING OWNERSHIP AND REGISTERING WITH THE CANINE REGISTRY SHOULD BE DONE FROM THE SECOND MONTH OF AGE (MINISTERIAL ORDER OF 08/06/2008). THE VETERINARIAN HAS AN OBLIGATION TO REPORT THE ABSENCE OF A MICROCHIP OR TATTOO TO THE ASL (LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE). FOR A PASSPORT TO BE ISSUED YOU NEED TO GO TO THE LOCAL ASL (WE CAN HELP YOU WITH THE PROCEDURE). WE ARE AUTHORISED TO VACCINATE FOR RABIES WHICH IS MANDATORY FOR TRAVEL OUTSIDE ITALY AND DR GIRALDI IS AUTHORISED TO CERTIFY ON THE PASSPORT APPLICATION THAT THIS VACCINE HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT.

## **PARASITES: FLEAS, TICKS AND MITES, INTESTINAL PARASITES: ROUNDWORM, COCCIDIA AND GIARDIA**

EXTERNAL AND INTESTINAL PARASITES CAUSE DISEASES FOR YOUR DOG AND THEY ARE ALSO A VEHICLE FOR DISEASES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY (BLOOD AND SKIN DISEASES). MONTHLY TREATMENT IS RECOMMENDED WITH SPOT-ON OR ORAL PRODUCTS . THE BEST PESTICIDE PRODUCTS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT OUR HOSPITAL ,PLEASE ASK AT RECEPTION.

PARASITE PREVENTION IS IMPORTANT ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN, THE FRAIL AND ELDERLY, TO AVOID GASTROENTERIC DISEASES.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A FAECES EXAM IS DONE AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR AND TO DO PREVENTIVE TREATMENTS EVERY SIX MONTHS,

## **STERILIZATION: CANCER PREVENTION**

OVARIOHYSTERECTOMY IN FEMALES IS RECOMMENDED AT A YOUNG AGE, BEFORE THE FIRST HEAT, TO PREVENT UNWANTED PREGNANCIES, PHANTOM PRGNANCIES, MASTITES, PYOMETRAS AND TO HELP PREVENT OVARIAN AND UTERINE NEOPLASIES.

ORCHIECTOMY IN MALES IS RECOMMENDED TO CONTROL SEXUAL BEHAVIOR AND TO HELP PREVENT PROSTATIC AND TESTICULAR DISEASES (INFECTIONS AND NEOPLASMS).

## **DENTAL HYGIENE: ALITOSIS PREVENTION**

DAILY TOOTH-BRUSHING REMAINS THE BEST PREVENTATIVE METHOD, HOWEVER, TEETH CLEANING (DETARTRASIS) SHOULD BE DONE EVERY TIME YOUR VETERINARIAN SUGGESTS IT. GENGIVAL AND DENTAL INFECTIONS CAUSED BY TARTAR AND PLAQUES CAN CAUSE SERIOUS CARDIAC, RENAL, ARTICULAR AND PROSTATIC DISEASES.



## CHECK-UP: PREVENTION IS ALWAYS BETTER THAN CURE

A CLINICAL VISIT OF YOUR PET IS RECOMMENDED ONCE A YEAR: A CHECK UP CAN COINCIDE WITH VACCINATION AND WITH THE PROPHYLAXIS FOR FILARIOSIS.

ATTENTION! THERE ARE PATHOLOGIES RELATED TO SPECIFIC BREEDS !!

BRACHICEFALIC BREEDS (ENGLISH BULLDOG; FRENCH BULLDOG; PUG; PEKINESE; SHIH-TZU; ETC ....): RESPIRATORY DISORDERS. SCREENING SHOULD BE DONE WITHIN 9-12 MONTHS OF AGE, PLEASE ASK FOR INFORMATION!

DOBERMANN; CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL; BOXER; MALTESE: CARDIAC PATHOLOGIES. LARGE DOGS (GERMAN SHEPHERD, ROTTWEILLER, LABRADOR RETRIEVER; GOLDEN RETRIEVER; ETC .: ORTHOPEDIC DISORDERS, DYNAMIC DISPLASIA AND ELBOWS (WE RECOMMEND A RADIOGRAPHIC STUDY AT 4-5 MONTHS), COMPLEX DILATATION-TASTE GASTRIC.

IN GERIATRIC AGE AN ANNUAL CHECK-UP IS RECOMMENDED THAT INCLUDES BLOOD AND URINE EXAMS, ABDOMEN ULTRASOUND SCAN AND CHEST X-RAY . THE AIM IS AN EARLY DIAGNOSIS !!

## DIET: HEALTH, BEAUTY OF THE COAT AND VITALITY

MAINTAIN A CORRECT DIET BY CHOOSING HOMEMADE FOOD OR GOOD QUALITY COMMERCIAL FOOD. IN PARTICULAR WE RECOMMEND NATURAVETAL FOOD: 100% NATURAL AND WITHOUT ARTIFICIAL ADDITIVES WITH HIGH QUALITY MEAT AND COLD PRESSED DRY FOOD. WE RECOMMEND WEIGHT CHECKS.

## HEALTH INSURANCE: REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ASK AT OUR RECEPTION.



**NOBODY CAN FULLY  
UNDERSTAND THE  
MEANING OF LOVE  
UNLESS HE'S OWNED  
A DOG.**

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