

Vetting Schedule for Dogs & Puppies

Ruff Start Rescue will provide foster dogs with routine veterinary care prior to placement in permanent adoptive homes. The following schedule outlines the various types of routine care provided.

Vaccination Schedule

- “Distemper combo” vaccine (DA2PP, DAP, DHPP: distemper, Adenovirus Type-2, hepatitis, para-influenza, parvovirus)
 - See vaccine chart below
- Rabies vaccine
 - See vaccine chart below
 - Needs to be completed by a veterinarian. Can be completed at RSR office
- Bordetella vaccine (“kennel cough”)
 - Given on a case-by-case basis. If a dog is likely to be at high risk for kennel cough, email vetting@ruffstartrescue.org and let us know the
 - circumstances otherwise we do not administer Bordetella to all foster dogs

Canine Vaccine Schedule

Which vaccine is needed	Age at start of vaccine	How often it should be given	How many total vaccines they will receive	Once complete, when the next one need to be given
DA2PP	4-8 weeks	Every 2-4 weeks	At least 4 vaccines	In 12 months
DA2PP	8-11 weeks	Every 2 weeks	At least 3 vaccines	In 12 months
DA2PP	12-16+ weeks	Every 2 weeks	At least 2 vaccines	In 12 months
Rabies	12-16+ weeks	Once	1 vaccine total	In 12 months

Preventatives

- Deworming (pyrantel) (panacur or praziquantel as needed)

- Puppies: Initial dose of Pyrantel given at 2-3 weeks of age, then repeat doses at 2 weeks intervals until at least 12 weeks of age
 - Reservation puppies <6 months are given IVH max + 5 days of Panacur
- Adults: IVH Max is given as the primary dewormer followed by 1 dose of pyrantel 2 weeks later.
- Heartworm Preventative
 - Dogs > 8 weeks old will receive IVH max as the first monthly dose of prevention followed by liquid ivermectin for any following months.
 - Heartworm + dogs are supplied with 11 months of preventative - 9 months after last melarsomine injection recheck antigen test and screen for microfilaria.
 - Dogs will be given heartworm prevention every month out of the year

Wellness Care

- Spay/neuter
 - Puppies must be 8 weeks old and > 2 pounds
 - Surgeries can be completed at the RSR office in Princeton or Granite City in St Cloud
 - Priority should be RSR office
- Heartworm test
 - All dogs in the rescue over 7 months old will be tested for heartworm disease upon intake. Local dogs will be tested ONCE annually. A repeat test should be performed on adult dogs from southern states in 6-7 months after arriving in MN.
 - *Puppies under 7 months old are not required to have a heartworm test as the heartworm must be in a dog's system for a minimum of 5-7 months before showing up as a positive test result.*
 - If a dog has signs of a tick-borne disease (shifting limb lameness, lethargy), a 4dx test can be completed regardless of when the heartworm test was completed.
 - If a dog is treated for HW within rescue a retest will be 9 months after the final injection.

A puppy is considered up to date if it has had:

- 4 Distemper vaccinations (if old enough)
- 1 Rabies vaccination (if old enough)
- Microchip
- Deworming/preventatives
- Alteration Surgery

An adult dog is considered up to date if it has had:

- 2 Distemper vaccinations
- 1 Rabies vaccination
- Heartworm/4Dx test (within the past 6 months)
- Microchip
- Deworming/preventatives
- Alteration Surgery

Dogs can be adopted out following the alteration surgery; any subsequent vaccines will be the adopter's responsibility.