



Puppy Health Care Guidelines

Health and veterinary care information for puppy raisers located in Denver Metro Area

Diet

Purina Pro Plan Large Breed Chicken and Rice Puppy

2 ½ c daily unless otherwise instructed by the Puppy Development Department

Puppy should be transitioned to Purina Pro Plan Large Breed Chicken and Rice Adult at 12 months of age or before IFT.

Medications and Supplements

- **Simparica Trio** – Heartworm, flea, and tick prevention. Administer one weight-specific tablet on the first day of each month, year-round. An initial three-month supply will be provided. After that, the raiser must submit a puppy health concern form with the dog's current weight to request additional Simparica Trio.
 - Simparica Trio comes in weight-specific tabs- 22-44lbs and 44-88lbs o
 - If your puppy is on the borderline of these two weight groups, under-dose

Vaccinations

Your puppy is up to date on vaccinations. The raiser should check with FSD's health team to determine if any additional region-specific vaccines are recommended.

****We ask that you keep your pup out of public areas like parks, pet stores, or any place with unknown dogs until they're 18 weeks old. This gives their immune system time to fully develop after completing their puppy vaccines****

Scheduled Exams, Procedures, and Health Evaluations

- **Veterinary Exams at FSD**
 - Onsite vet exams are conducted on Tuesday mornings from 8am-11:30am.
 - The Health Team will coordinate exams with raisers as needed. If a raiser has a health concern or believes their puppy needs to be seen, the below procedure for reporting health concerns should be followed.
- **Spay and Neuter**
 - FSD generally alters dogs around 12-14 months of age. The Health Team will reach out to raisers around this time to schedule spay and neuter appointments. The raiser is responsible for taking the dog to the appointment and picking them up, unless other plans are made.



- **Breeding Evaluations**

- o If your dog is considered as a breeding candidate, your dog may not be spayed or neutered until a later date.
- o The Health Team may reach out to schedule other health evaluations around 12-14 months of age. The raiser is responsible for taking the dog to the appointment and picking them up, unless other plans are made.

- **Other Procedures**

- o There may be times when the Health Team recommends a puppy be seen at an offsite clinic for diagnostics or procedures. The Health Department will coordinate these appointments with the raiser. The raiser is responsible for taking the dog to the appointment and picking them up, unless other plans are made.

Process for Reporting and Addressing Health Concerns

- For non-urgent health concerns or observations, use the Puppy Health Concern Submission Form that can be found in the Puppy Portal.
- The Health Team will be in contact within 24-48 hours of form submission. Please check your spam folder if you have submitted a recent form, as emails from FSD often end up here, especially for Gmail users.
- If the Health Department recommends that the puppy be examined by a veterinarian, the raiser is responsible for coordinating with the Puppy Health Coordinator to schedule an appointment with FSD's onsite veterinarian. Our FSD veterinarian is onsite for exams on Tuesdays from 8am-11:30am by appointment.
- If the onsite vet is unable to examine the puppy for any reason, the Puppy Health Coordinator may advise that the puppy be seen at one of the local veterinary partners. In this scenario, the Puppy Health Coordinator will reach out to the raiser to gather their availability and will be responsible for scheduling the appointment with the veterinary partner. The Puppy Health Coordinator will then inform the raiser of the confirmed appointment date and time. If the appointment needs to be rescheduled for any reason, it is the raiser's responsibility to notify the Puppy Health Coordinator so the appointment can be adjusted accordingly. Veterinary clinics typically require at least 24 hours' notice for cancellations.
- Raisers living outside the Denver metro area should first try to schedule an exam with the FSD vet if travel is possible. If the puppy needs to be examined by a vet and cannot be seen by the onsite vet for whatever reason, the raiser should contact the Puppy Health Coordinator for help in setting up an appointment with an approved local vet.
 - **In an emergency situation**, the raiser should call the Puppy Health Coordinator. If the Puppy Health Coordinator cannot be reached in a timely manner, the puppy should be taken to one of the approved emergency vet hospitals. FSD consents to stabilizing treatment. As soon as the puppy's condition is stabilized, the Puppy Health Coordinator must be notified before further care



is provided. In an emergency situation in which an approved emergency vet is not a reasonable option, ie. too far away, the raiser should take the puppy to the nearest emergency veterinary hospital and notify the Puppy Health Coordinator ASAP.

Submitting Puppy Health Concerns

- Non-urgent health concerns or observations
- Requesting Simparica Trio with the puppy's current weight
- Reporting heat cycles

Process for Reporting and Addressing Health Concerns – SATELLITE RAISERS

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- If the Puppy Health Coordinator recommends that the puppy be examined by a veterinarian, the raiser is responsible for coordinating with the Puppy Health Coordinator to schedule an appointment with a satellite veterinary partner.
- If the Puppy Health Coordinator advises that the puppy be seen at one of the satellite veterinary partners, the Puppy Health Coordinator will reach out to the raiser to gather their availability and will be responsible for scheduling the appointment with the veterinary partner. The Puppy Health Coordinator will then inform the raiser of the confirmed appointment date and time. If the appointment needs to be rescheduled for any reason, it is the raiser's responsibility to notify the Puppy Health Coordinator so the appointment can be adjusted accordingly. Veterinary clinics typically require at least 24 hours' notice for cancellations.
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Local Raisers

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Approved Vet Locations- Denver Metro Area

VCA Wingate

Vet- scheduled exams, routine treatment, and surgeries
9464 E Caley Ave.
Englewood, CO 80111
303-771-8620

Inspire Vet Hospital

Vet- scheduled exams, routine treatment, and surgeries
9855 S Parker Rd,
Parker, CO 80134
720-615-0774

Goodheart Animal Health Center

Vet- scheduled exams, routine treatment, and surgeries
2306 E. 6th Ave
Denver, CO 80206
720-780-7766

VCA Deer Creek Animal Hospital

Vet- scheduled exams, routine treatment, and surgeries
10148 W Chatfield Ave
Littleton, CO 80127
303-973-4200



Approved Emergency and Specialty Vet Locations- Denver Metro Area

Animal Emergency and Specialty Center

Emergency and Specialty Vet- emergencies, after-hours care, specialty
17701 Cottonwood Dr.
Parker, CO 80134
720-842-5050

CVSG

Emergency and Specialty Vet- emergencies, after-hours care
401 E County Line Rd
Littleton, CO 80122
303-794-1188

North Springs Veterinary Referral Center

Emergency and Specialty Vet- emergencies, after-hours care, specialty
10520 White Diamond Point
Colorado Springs, CO 80908
719-920-4430

Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital

Emergency and Specialty Vet- emergencies, after-hours care, specialty
10140 W 44th Ave.
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033
303-424-3325

Veterinary Specialist of the Rockies

Emergency, after-hour care
774 Maleta Lane
Castle Rock, CO 80108
303-660-1027

Veterinary Emergency Group (VEG) – multiple locations

Emergency, after-hour care
6305 E. Hampden Ave #101
Denver, CO 80222
720-739-6003