



Heavenly Care Kennels

Sorting Out the Vaccine Confusion: Vaccination Protocols for Boarding Kennels And Daycare Facilities



Model Heavenly Care Kennels



Taylor with her Project

“There are several reasons for so much confusion around vaccinations protocols in boarding and daycare facilities. The vaccination protocol recommendations are constantly being evaluated and occasionally revised. The key word here is

“recommendations.” There are no laws governing vaccine protocols, and there are no legal penalties for not following suggested

vaccine plans. There is no uniform vaccine protocol consensus among all practicing veterinarians, and boarding kennel operators and day care managers are free to create their own “house rules” for required vaccinations. Add to that the individual owner’s thoughts on the matter, and you have a tangled mess.

Frankly, I don’t expect there ever will

be a cut and dry vaccine protocol with 100% support. With that said, I do believe there are very good guidelines formulated by some very smart people with a lot of research and experience to back them up. The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) 2006 Revised Vaccine Guidelines can be viewed and

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Heavenly Care Kennels Inspires Local Student

Westfield second grader Taylor Easterbrook used Heavenly Care Kennels as the inspiration for her school project. The students were assigned to research and explore local businesses in the community. Taylor and

her mom, Dawn, chose Heavenly Care Kennels because they were looking for a business that was exciting and different. Taylor really loves animals. Her project consisted of a model reproduction of the kennel facilities.

The accompanying report to her project read: “The kennel has cats and dogs. They do grooming and keep them overnight. They do day care. Maybe one day I can help take care of the animals.”



Model with the tub, groom station, animals, and kennel.

Tips for November

A lot of your gorgeous holiday decorations and sumptuous holiday food can be hazardous to your pets.

- Keep pets away from mistletoe and poinsettias.
- Don't let pets ingest alcoholic beverages, seeds or pits from fruit, chocolate, macadamia

nuts, walnuts, coffee, tea, salt, or onions.

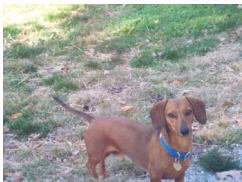
- Never feed dogs and cats leftovers,



such as chicken bones, that can shatter and choke your pet.

- Keep choking hazards such as tinsel, glass ornaments, and garland out of your pet's reach, as well as stringed lights that can shock pets if they chew on the wires.

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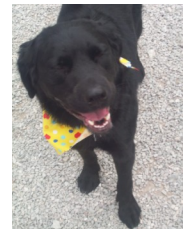
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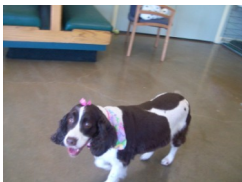
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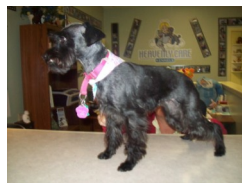
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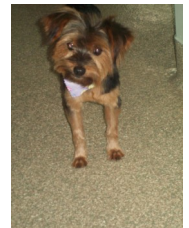
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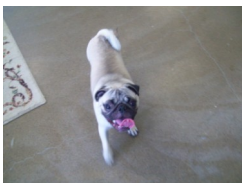
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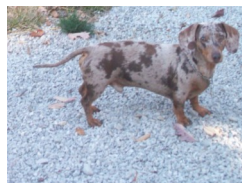
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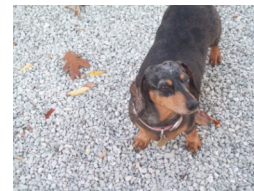
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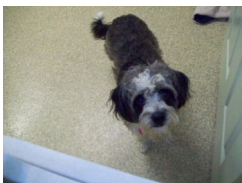
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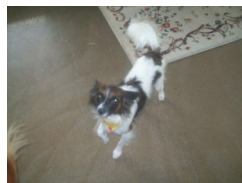
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Miley

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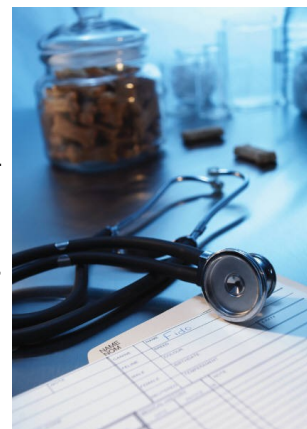
downloaded from their website and serve as the current gold standard. AAHA has divided vaccines into "core" (vaccinations recommended for all dogs) and "non-core" (vaccinations that may be highly recommended for some pets, though not required for those in a low-risk environment). The core vaccinations include distemper, Adenovirus 2 (hepatitis), parvo, and rabies. Though rabies is the least likely preventable disease to be a problem in a kennel or daycare, it is included because it is so serious and there is no effective treatment. Puppies will need to complete a series of at least two vaccinations, except for rabies, given at least three weeks apart with the last one administered after 12 to 16 weeks of age. No puppy should be considered protected before the series is completed, regardless of how many vaccine doses have been administered. This series is followed

by a booster one year later and then boosted every three years. The interval between rabies boosters will be determined by the type of vaccine given and individual state laws. Non-core vaccinations of common concern for kennel operators are bordatella and parainfluenza, a part of the kennel cough complex. Both can be airborne or spread through inadequate facility disinfection and can be highly contagious. Parainfluenza is often a part of the distemper-parvo vaccinations given in the puppy series and as annual boosters to adult dogs. ...Bordatella immunity is considered short lasting, with boosters being recommended at least every 12 months. ...It is also important to know that kennel cough can be caused by a variety of strains of bordatella, and vaccines may not prevent against every strain. Several other organisms, such as mycoplasma, canine

herpesvirus, canine respiratory coronavirus, and streptococcus, may cause signs similar to kennel cough, and the kennel cough complex may be a mix of several of these agents. It is possible to have a properly vaccinated dog still develop kennel cough. Canine influenza is another contagious respiratory disease that can be vaccinated against. Typical signs include lethargy, fever, cough, mucus nasal discharge, and poor appetite, with severe pneumonia and death occurring in some dogs. To summarize it is up to each individual kennel or day care center to set the standards and requirements for vaccinations of incoming dogs."

Resources

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