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## Congratulations on your new family member!

We would like to welcome you and your pets to Green Vets. Owning a new puppy is an exciting time for you and your family. There are so many things so to consider and learn especially if you are a first time owner.

We are here to help. We have put together this short health care related fact sheet and attached a small selection of the most relevant information leaflets for you to have a look at and read through.

Welcoming a puppy into your house is a big event for you and a big change for your new puppy. It can be scary for them and the stress associated with the changes can upset your puppy. We encourage you to allow your puppy to settle into your home in the first few days before bringing them in for us to give them their first health-check unless you are worried about something. If you have concerns in the earlier stages do contact the surgery for advice.

The areas we will cover during your first visit will include:

- ✔ A **vet-check** to ensure your puppy is healthy.
- ✔ **Vaccinations** – If your puppy has had any vaccinations, the breeder will give you a record of these.
- ✔ **Flea and worming** – you should ask your breeder for a record of any treatments your puppy has had and bring this with you to your appointment.
- ✔ **Microchipping** – A recent change in the law states that puppies must be microchipped before they are sold.
- ✔ **Food** – Let us know what food your puppy is on from weaning.
- ✔ **Insurance** – Your puppy may have come with 4 weeks free insurance.



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Puppies grow and develop rapidly in the first 6 months of their life. It is beneficial to let us see your puppy on a regular basis during this phase to ensure they are developing optimally. It gives you a chance to ask any questions you have and your puppy can learn how enjoyable a trip to the vets really is. For us, building a positive relationship with your puppy is invaluable to providing comprehensive healthcare in the future.

Below are some opportunities to come and see our vets and nurses. Checks for worming and 6 Month Health Checks are complementary. Whether your puppy needs all of these and the age at which we will advise you to come will vary a little and Anne or Rob will advise you specifically at your initial health check.

<b>First vaccinations</b> – many breeders have given your puppy their first vaccination already.	From 8 weeks of age.
<b>First health check</b>	Between 8 and 10 weeks
<b>Second Vaccination</b> - you will be able to start taking your puppy out 1 week after the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vaccination*	2 weeks after the first vaccination – usually at 10 weeks of age.
<b>Third Vaccination + Worming</b>	4 weeks after the first vaccination – usually at 12 weeks of age.
<b>Fourth Vaccination + Worming</b>	16 weeks
<b>Weight Check + Worming</b>	20 weeks
<b>6 Month Health Check + Worming</b>	24 weeks

\*With some limitations – Our team will give you specific details.

Our team at the Green Vets look forward to getting to know your puppy and sharing our passion and expertise to support and enrich your journey with your four legged companion!

With kind wishes,

From all of the team at Green Vets.

