



**Pet insurance:** Health insurance is available for pets. If you decide to purchase insurance for your pet, we recommend you research carefully and find a plan that is right for you and your puppy. Although we do not endorse any particular insurance company, we can provide you with some brochures and websites.

**Crate training:** At your puppy's first visit, we talked briefly about crate training. The crate aids in house breaking and offers the puppy a safe place to sleep or take a break from playing.

**Puppy classes:** A puppy group class is a great opportunity to expose your puppy to other dogs and people in a relatively controlled setting. Generally, puppy classes focus on good manners and basic obedience. It's a great way to have fun and bond with your puppy.

**Breed specific information:** If your puppy is a purebred dog, we may be able to anticipate certain medical conditions that could arise over the life of your pet. With this knowledge, we can take precautions early on and be quick to act if signs develop. We also want you to be informed about your puppy's breed so you can recognize potential concerns at an early stage.

**Hip radiographs:** If your puppy is a medium or large breed, we may recommend having hip radiographs ("x-rays") to check for any abnormalities that could put your pet at risk for developing arthritis or hip dysplasia. Hip radiographs can be taken while your pet is under anesthesia for spay or neuter.

**Leptospirosis:** At this age, we can evaluate your puppy's lifestyle and determine if he/she is at risk for contracting Leptospirosis. Campsites, lakes, rivers, farms and wilderness trails are locations of potential exposure. Puppies at risk for exposure will be given one vaccine now and a booster in 3 weeks. If your puppy is not considered at risk we will not vaccinate, but if you decide later on to take your puppy to any of these places, please let us know, and we can vaccinate at that time. As we discussed earlier, Leptospirosis can be transmitted from dogs to people, so by protecting your puppy, we're also protecting you.