

Vet-Visit Questionnaire

Whether you're visiting a new vet for the first time or bringing your dog for an annual checkup, it's important to be prepared. The veterinarian will likely ask you a series of questions to determine your dog's overall health and well-being. Think you know your dog's medical history backwards and forwards? Well, it doesn't hurt to brush up on the basics—download our helpful questionnaire of things your vet might ask you during your visit. And remember, if your vet doesn't ask something that you have a concern about, don't hesitate to bring it up.

- 1) How long have you had your dog?
- 2) Where did you get your dog?
- 3) Has your dog been vaccinated? Against what diseases?
- 4) What brand of pet food do you feed your dog?

- 5) Is your dog's appetite normal? How much does he eat?
- 6) How much water does your dog drink?
- 7) Is your dog urinating and defecating regularly? Does he ever have accidents inside?
- 8) Is your dog displaying any of the following symptoms:
 - Coughing?
 - Sneezing?
 - Vomiting?
 - Diarrhea?
- 9) Has your dog lost or gained weight recently?
- 10) Have you noticed any significant changes in your dog's behavior?
- 11) Are you experiencing any behavior problems with your pet? (Chewing, jumping, barking, aggression, etc)
- 12) Have you traveled outside of the area with your dog?
- 13) Has your dog ever suffered a serious health issue? If so, what treatment did he receive?

In conclusion: All dogs should see a vet for regular checks up at least once a year for pets under 9.

For Pets over 9 (Seniors), we advise 2 times per year. Every dog should be tested for heartworm initially and then put on monthly heartworm preventions medication. Every dog should also be on some sort of Flea and pest control medication monthly. We find that Frontline Top Spot for dogs is best. (Make sure you purchase the correct weight range for your pet.

There are many helpful tips and guidelines on dog and pet care at www.aspca.org