

Your Dogs Vet Visits Are Necessary

Ten reasons your puppy needs to visit a vet.

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9-1-1 Establishing a strong, consistent relationship with your veterinarian may have unforeseen advantages in those rare situations when your dog needs emergency care. It is very comforting to know that the veterinarian examining your dog during an emergency is the same vet that has watched your puppy grow up.

However, if an emergency situation arises during hours when your vets office is closed and your regular veterinarian is unavailable, you must still seek professional veterinary attention. The emergency veterinarian will contact your regular veterinarian as soon as possible and have your dogs entire medical record faxed to them. The information contained in the record may be crucial to the outcome of any further treatment. Trauma from accidents, falls, dogfight injuries, insect bites and stings, skin lacerations, broken bones, accidental poisonings, heat stroke and electric shock (puppies occasionally like to chew on electric cords) are the kinds of emergencies that require immediate veterinary care.

As you can see, choosing the right veterinarian and establishing a good relationship with him or her is vital to your puppys health and well-being. If you don't have an established veterinarian yet, ask friends and relatives for recommendations. Visit the veterinary office without your puppy first and ask for a tour of the facility. Be cautious of hospitals that refuse tours as a matter of policy. If the facility is clean and well-organized and the staff is friendly and knowledgeable, you're halfway there. Set up an appointment to bring in your puppy. If your veterinary visit goes well, your puppy seems happy and you get good vibes during your visit, you've made the right selection.