

Congratulations on your new puppy!



All the responsibilities of owning a new puppy can be overwhelming, so we have summarised our recommendations to ensure that your puppy becomes a healthy, happy and well-behaved member of your family.

For a puppy, experiencing a brand new home can be daunting. Every puppy has a unique personality; some are confident while others can be shy. Keeping this in mind, choose a room where your puppy can be confined, to allow him/her to gradually adjust to their surroundings.

Your new puppy should have had one vaccination, have been treated for intestinal worms and have been microchipped. You now need to continue with vaccinations, ensure your puppy has the correct diet, continue proper parasite control and ensure he/she is kept in a clean, dry, warm and safe environment.

Opening hours & contacts

The Lake Veterinary Hospitals are here to provide professional and caring attention to your pet.

Please feel free to make an appointment at any of our practices:

CHARLESTOWN (02) 4943 6066

6 Smith Street, Charlestown
Just off the highway, between Ridley and Ida Streets

Surgery hours

Monday - Friday	8am - 6pm
Saturday	8am - 12noon

BELMONT (02) 4945 9677

18 Maude Street, Belmont
Turn off the highway at ALDI, we are opposite Baptist Church

Surgery hours

Monday - Friday	8am - 6pm
Saturday	8am - 12noon

SWANSEA (02) 4971 4062

130 Pacific Highway, Swansea
Easy parking outside our front door or available at rear

Surgery hours

Monday - Friday	1.30pm - 4.30pm
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Puppy care



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Caring for your new puppy



Vaccinations

In most cases your new puppy will have had one vaccination already. Then at 10-12 weeks and 14-16 weeks of age we administer a vaccine which offers the best protection against parvovirus, distemper, hepatitis and canine cough. It is not until after this last vaccination that your puppy will be fully immunized and safe to go to public places.

After this initial course, annual vaccinations and check-ups are recommended. Vaccinations are very safe and reactions are very unusual.

Puppy Training Classes

Your new puppy is ready to learn many new things about his/her environment, your family and other animals in the outside world. Early behaviour training is very important!



To enjoy your puppy and start appropriate training and socialisation we recommend our positive, reward-based puppy training classes. These can commence when your puppy is eight weeks of age. Our puppy training class instructors are all Delta Society trained and accredited. They will provide the most current information and techniques based on positive reward-based principles.



Nutrition

Puppies require a high quality diet for proper bone growth, coat condition and dental development. After bringing your puppy home, it's best to continue the same diet to avoid any stomach upsets. You can change your puppy's diet gradually by mixing it with its usual food. We can advise you which is the most appropriate food for your puppy.

Fresh drinking water should be available at all times.

Good dental care is important. Chewing raw meat and bones such as chicken wings or steak, dental treats or chew toys helps maintain dental health.

Desexing

Desexing is recommended and is usually performed at six months of age. Desexing can help decrease behavioural issues as well as being good preventative health care to decrease risks of cancers later in life. The procedure is safe and recovery requires some home nursing and post-operative activity restriction.

Worm Control

Your new puppy will need heartworm and intestinal worm prevention soon after he/she arrives in your home. There are a number of options available for heartworm prevention. Puppies require intestinal worm prevention every two weeks until 12 weeks of age, then monthly until six months of age, then every three months for the rest of their lives.

Please talk to us about the most effective regime for your puppy.

Flea and Tick Prevention

From eight weeks of age we recommend using a monthly flea and tick treatment for your puppy.

Please ask us about the best one for your puppy.

