

*Tygerberg Animal Hospital ascribes to a modern, balanced approach to companion veterinary medicine. We assist and educate pet owners about preventative and holistic pet health management.*

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# VET'S GUIDE PUPPY & KITTEN CARE



# PUPPIES & KITTENS

## CONSIDERING A NEW ADDITION TO YOUR FAMILY?

*During the critical early stages of life a number of considerations around vaccination, spay/neutering options, nutrition, preventative health care and behavior tips are essential in understanding the needs of your new puppy or kitten. Tygerberg Animal Hospital aims to support the pet owner in providing the right care for these youngsters...*

### Vaccination

Vaccinations are injections we give cats and dogs to protect them against common and dangerous infectious diseases like Parvovirus. Puppies should be vaccinated at 6, 8, 12 and 16 weeks of age. A booster vaccination then needs to be given a year after the last puppy vaccination. Thereafter annual vaccination is recommended.

### Deworming

Worms are common parasites that your dog may carry, often without showing signs. Worms can cause serious disease not only in pets, but also in people. It is therefore important to ensure adult dogs are dewormed every 3 months. Puppies from 2 to 6 months of age should be dewormed once a month.

### Flea and tick control

Fleas and ticks are common parasites in South Africa that can cause anything from skin allergies to life-threatening disease like Tick-bite fever. They can transmit disease to humans as well. We recommend year round protection for your pet against these parasites. We provide a wide variety of effective flea and tick control products at TAH.

### Nutrition

Not all pets are identical and so their feeding cannot be approached with a “one size fits all” mentality. Certain diseases, such as hip dysplasia may be prevented with correct feeding. Numerous commercially produced pet foods are available so please discuss with your veterinarian as to what would best suit your pet’s current needs.

### Puppy classes

Want a well behaved and socialised puppy? Sign up for our puppy classes and you’ll get to grips with training and understanding your new family member in no time. Conducted in a fun environment, your little pal will also learn to play with puppies of a similar age.

### Microchipping

Microchipping is a form of permanent identification where a small chip is inserted under the skin between the shoulders. It is not a tracking device but can prevent your pal from being lost forever. It is required for certain documentation such as export permits, pedigree forms and pet health insurance.

### Pet Health Insurance / Medical Aid

When unexpected veterinary costs are incurred you’ll be thankful for the safety net of a pet medical aid policy to help pay those bills. Once your pet is ill it is too late to consider medical aid. Many TAH clients insure their pet’s health with Medipet, Petsure or Onepet.



*For further advice, speak to any of your TAH vets – they will be happy to answer your puppy & kitten health care questions.*