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SUPER START redefining puppy vaccinations

So it's December already! While we say it every year, please don't buy a puppy for someone's Christmas; there is a lot of preparation that needs to happen before you bring the puppy home so it should always be a well thought out decision. Saying that, many bitches come in to season in the late summer so there are always lots of puppies ready right about now so we do see lots for first vaccination this month.

Last month we told you about some of the developments in vaccinations and we are pleased to announce that we will be upgrading our vaccine routine to include the improved Lepto4 vaccine for canine Leptospirosis. Leptospirosis is the equivalent of Weil's Disease in humans and is spread by animal urine in soil and water courses. We have had some suspected cases in the last four years so it is a risk that we think we should be protecting against.

Rather than a two week gap between first and second vaccine, Lepto4 requires a four week gap so we have decided to introduce a totally new regimen for puppy start-ups and we have called it our "SuperStart". We have brought together the best start for puppies including not just vaccination but nutrition, parasite control and insurance to give your puppy the best start in life.

6-8wks old: 1st vaccination for Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvo-virus and Lepto4.

Flea and worm control, 3Kg ProPlan Puppy, 4wks immediate cover

insurance with Petplan.

10wks old: 2nd vaccination for Distemper, Hepatitis and Parvo-virus plus Kennel

Cough. You can go outside and attend puppy classes in 1 week. Tracer

Micro-chip and puppy toothbrush and toothpaste.

12wks old: Final check for Lepto4 vaccine. Flea and worm control. Good to go!

Monthly weight checks with flea and worm control provided until 6months old when a free check and 10% off neutering are offered. SuperStarters will also get 10% off all non-prescription items bought at vaccinations for life ©

The SuperStart routine covers all the things that we advise as best practice for looking after a new puppy, all you have to do is add fun! You can still opt for the regular 2jag puppy course with Lepto4 (with a 4 week gap) but if you bought all the other add-ins it would cost in the region of £175, we are offering SuperStart for £125!

Merry Christmas from all at Border Vets!

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