

Your New Puppy: Care & Prevention Guide

A simple first-year roadmap for keeping your puppy healthy in Brisbane. Bring your puppy's vaccination and treatment records to each visit so we can tailor the plan to their age, weight, lifestyle and health.

Start with a health check

Book a veterinary check soon after your puppy comes home. We can review their history, check their growth, set up vaccinations and parasite prevention, and discuss nutrition, microchipping, socialisation and desexing timing.

Timeline of Recommended Preventative Care

Age	Vaccinations (C5 + Lepto)	Parasite Prevention
6–8 weeks	C3 (Distemper, Adenovirus, Parvovirus).	Start Milbemycin tablets for heartworm and intestinal worms. Start flea and tick medication from 8 weeks.
10–12 weeks 3 MONTHS	C5 (DHP + Canine Cough) + multivalent Leptospirosis.	Moxidectin SR-12 1st heartworm injection. Continue oral flea/tick/worming.
16 weeks	C5 (DHP + Canine Cough) + multivalent Leptospirosis.	Continue regular oral Milbemycin and flea/tick control.

26 weeks 6 MONTHS	C3 (final safety net).	Moxidectin SR-12 2nd heartworm injection. Bravecto Quantum Start for small breeds (6-8 mos).
9 to 20 months GROWTH PHASE	<i>No scheduled vaccines</i>	Moxidectin SR-12: Further injections every 6 months until fully grown. Bravecto Quantum: Commence once fully grown (Med/Large: 9–14m, Large/Giant: 15–20m).
Every year ADULT PHASE	Health check, Annual multivalent Leptospirosis & Canine Cough. DHP boosted every 3 years.	Annual Moxidectin SR-12 injection, Annual Bravecto Quantum injection, regular Milbemycin.

Important Clinical Note: A minimum of one previous dose of a fluralaner drug (e.g., oral Bravecto) must have been given with no observed side effects prior to administering the sustained-release Bravecto Quantum injection.

Leptospirosis vaccination needs two initial doses 2–4 weeks apart, then an annual booster. We will confirm the exact combination and dates from your puppy's records.

Parasite Prevention Breakdown

There isn't one single product that reliably covers every parasite in Brisbane. We utilize a targeted combination approach to keep your puppy safe.

- **Fleas & Paralysis Ticks:** We recommend oral isoxazoline chews (like Bravecto, NexGard, or Simparica) initially. Once fully grown, they transition to the 12-month **Bravecto Quantum Commence** injection. *Medication does not replace daily fingertip tick searches in high-risk areas.*
- **Heartworm:** Maintained year-round. We initiate with oral meds, then transition to the sustained **Moxidectin SR-12** injection given at 3 months, 6 months, then every 6 months until fully grown (then yearly).
- **Intestinal Worms:** Frequent worming is needed. We recommend using a **Milbemycin tablet** (or similar all-wormer) to ensure complete coverage.
- **The Tapeworm Gap:** It is critical to note that **Bravecto does not cover tapeworms**. This is why the addition of a Milbemycin tablet is non-negotiable.

Everyday Puppy Essentials

- **Diet & Nutrition:** Feed a complete, balanced puppy diet. Change foods gradually over 7 days.
- **Teeth & Handling:** Gently practise brushing with a pet toothbrush. Make paws and ear touching a positive routine.
- **Social Learning:** Introduce people, sounds, and vaccinated dogs positively. Ask us how to balance safe socialisation with disease risk.
- **Record Keeping:** Keep vaccine certificates, microchip details and a list of dose dates handy. Set calendar reminders before each preventative is due.

Let's make a plan for your puppy

Prevention depends on age, weight, health and lifestyle. This timeline is general information, not a substitute for an individual veterinary examination.

Book a puppy health check at Bardon Vet today.