Why should I neuter or spay my dog?
Both of these surgeries serve to stop your animal from producing puppies. Spaying is the surgery done to remove a female’s uterus while neutering is the removal of a male’s testicles.
- Spaying a female can prevent uterine infection, breast tumors, and she will not come into heat
- Neutering a male will make him stay around the home more instead of looking for females in heat and may improve behavior
- These surgeries can help your pet keep weight on, but will not make them fat
- Dogs can be spayed/neutered as young as eight weeks

What do I do if my dog gets a bite?
- If a dog is bitten by a wild animal or another dog who is unvaccinated, it is at risk for rabies among other diseases
- Contact:

Can my dog get sick from vaccines?
It is rare for a dog to have a reaction to vaccines, but it is important to watch for facial swelling, hives, vomiting

Canine Vaccine Information

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<th>Disease</th>
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<td>Rabies</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Aggression, excessive drooling, paralysis, seizures</td>
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<td>Parvovirus</td>
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Dog Care Checklist

- **Deworming**
  - Should be done once a year for adults and puppies should be given a second dose two weeks after the first
  - Pyrantel pamoate and panacur are good options and can be bought online

- **Vaccines**
  - See chart above

- **Water**
  - Summer: dogs should always have access to clean water in the
  - Winter: offer water at least once a day, snow can not completely replace a water source

- **Collars**
  - Keep space for 2-3 fingers under a collar so it is not too tight
  - In growing dogs collars MUST be loosened once a week

- **House**
  - Dogs should always have a shelter available to get out of the cold/heat
  - Signs a dog is too cold and should be taken inside: collapsing, stumbling, pale gums, breathing slowly