



Preparing for an annual veterinary visit

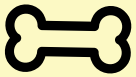
Does your dog have a veterinary visit coming up? Here are some tips to make the visit go as smoothly as possible for both you and your pet!

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How to prepare



- Practice **touching** your dogs **paws**, **looking** in their **ears** and at their **teeth**. **Reward** them with treats as you do this so they are used to being touched in these places
- If your dog tends to be anxious or has shown anxiety or aggression at previous visits or during car rides, talk to your veterinarian about using an **anti-anxiety medication** prior to the visit



- Anxious or aggressive dogs may also need a **muzzle**. Get your dog used to the muzzle by:

- Introducing it in a **calm, neutral** context
- Feed **treats** out of the muzzle until the muzzle is associated with something good
- Clip the muzzle on briefly, remove it before the dog is uncomfortable.
- Gradually increase the amount of time they wear the muzzle
- Keep sessions fun and provide lots of treats so it is a **positive experience**

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What to bring

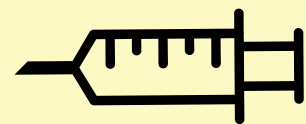
- Vaccine** and **medical record**
- Any **medications** or **supplements** your pet is currently taking
- The **name of the food** and **amount** (in grams or cups) you are feeding daily
- High value **treats** (like tiny pieces of hot dog or cheese)
- Bring your dog on a **leash** to the veterinarian
- A properly fitting **muzzle** if needed
- Any **concerns or questions** you have for the veterinarian



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What to expect

- First, the veterinarian will ask you a series of **questions** to get to know your pet better
- Next, the veterinarian will do a **physical exam** to determine if there are any abnormalities in different organ systems
- The veterinarian may recommend other **tests**, like blood work or x-rays, depending on your concerns and their physical exam



- They may give **vaccines** if they are due
- They may prescribe **medications** or make **recommendations** to improve or maintain your dogs health