

Our Services

Whether your pet needs routine vaccinations or surgery, dental care or diagnostic work, boarding or **flea control**, we are here to meet your special friend's every need with kindness and compassion. The following section details the services we offer here at St. Francis Veterinary Clinic.

Wellness Care:

Wellness care is the foundation of all good health care, and at St. Francis Veterinary Clinic we practice only the best medicine when it comes to your pet. We feel that disease prevention and early detection will not only add to the overall health of your pet, but also contribute to a longer life. Our policy at St. Francis is to provide annual health exams, which includes appropriate vaccinations, for your pet on an annual basis. Our vaccinations packages are highly recommended, being an essential factor to your pet's quality of life and longevity.

There are four components to an annual vaccination package; physical exam, consultation with the veterinarian, vaccinations, and testing. These packages differ depending on the species and age of the animal.

Physical Exam

Our exam rooms are highly equipped with the latest technology, including table top scales and radiograph viewing equipments. Ears, eyes, teeth, skin, hair coat condition, lymph nodes, and reproductive organs will be checked. The abdomen will be palpated to check for masses, fluid, or pain. The chest will be checked for abnormal heart or lung sounds. Evidence of external parasites or skin growths will be noted.

Canine vaccination schedule is the following:

At 6 weeks they receive

Distemper-Parvo, Hepatitis (adenovirus type II) Coronavirus, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza.

At 9 weeks they receive:

A Booster of the same they received at 6 weeks.

At 12 weeks they receive:

A Booster of the same they received at 9 weeks plus a Bordatella, and at this time (if they select) can receive Lyme and Lepto.

At 16 weeks they receive:

Distemper-Parvo, Bordatella, Rabies, and (if they select) booster Lyme and Lepto.

Feline Vaccinations Schedule

At 6 weeks they receive:

Rhinotracheitis, Panleukopenia, Calicivirus, and Chlamydia (Distemper)

At 9 weeks they receive:

A booster they received at 6 weeks plus a feline leukemia.

At 16 weeks they receive:

A booster they received at 9 weeks plus Rabies (if they select) a FIV.

GERIATRIC CARE

During our senior pet's annual exam, we continue to have appropriate vaccination and in addition to intestinal parasite and heartworm test we take a urine sample for an early renal disease (E.R.D.). We check for unusual lumps/bumps and listen to heart and lung function. We can also address your senior pet's special needs at this time such as incontinence, arthritis, and behavior changes.

ALLERGY AND SKIN CARE:

Allergies can affect pets of all breeds and backgrounds and can be quite common. Pets exhibit signs of an allergy through skin, whether it be localized (one area) or generalized (all over the body). A very large number of substances can act as allergens. These allergens can range anywhere from fleas to food.

We can test for these allergens to determine what type of allergy your pet has. Once diagnosed, we have a variety of treatment options available such as anti-inflammatory medications, shampoo therapy, desensitization shots, and prescription food.

KENNEL FACILITY

Boarding

Our boarding facility is available to all clients. This includes dogs, cats, and other small animals year round. Boarding is by appointments only and early reservations are encouraged, especially near holiday seasons. Our facility is built for comfort and includes indoor (heated/cooled) runs that are checked frequently throughout the day by highly trained staff. Dogs are walked at least 3 times a day and are free romp and play during their supervised playtime. Cats have their own private boarding separate from dogs. To keep our boarding facility safe for your special family member, it is required that you pet be properly immunized and free of external parasites at the time of their stay. Vaccinations and the proper flea treatment will be administered to the pet upon check-in if needed. When dropping off your pet for boarding, you are invited to include personal items to make your pet's stay more enjoyable. If your pet requires special medication, we will be sure to administer it during their stay. Also, please be sure to include your pet's food if they are on a special diet.

HOSPITALIZATION/ISOLATION

To keep sick pets comfortable, our hospitalization area is kept separate from general boarding. Our isolation facility is also separate so that pets with contagious diseases can be kept apart from other hospitalized/boarding animals. Owners will not only receive updates on their pet's medical condition, but are welcome to visit while their pet is being hospitalized.

Dental Care

Ultrasonic Scaling and Polishing

Dental disease is one of the most common diseases in dogs and cats. Over 68% of all pets over the age of three have some form of dental disease. Once tartar has formed on the teeth it is necessary to remove it with a professional scaling and polishing under anesthesia. Placing your pet under anesthesia allows us to be thorough and is less stressful for your pet. Sometimes antibiotic treatment is instituted before full dental cleaning (prophylaxis) is carried out.

Tooth scaling will be performed by using pizelectric cleaning equipment to remove tartar. Sometimes it is necessary to carry out other procedures at the same time such as tooth extraction. These procedures will be fully discussed both before your pet's dental cleaning and when you bring you pet in for the procedure. We will need a telephone number where you can be reached during the dental cleaning so that we can discuss any additional work that may be indicated once we began.

DIAGNOSTIC

Radiology

At St. Francis Veterinary Clinic, our goal is to have the latest and up-to-date technology. One of the technologies we use most often for diagnostics is a radiographic image. We can obtain a radiograph of virtually any part of the body and can process them within minutes. Radiographs are useful for diagnostics in that it allows us to look at hip dysplasia, heart disease, fractures, arthritis, bladder stones, and many other conditions.

Laboratory

Our veterinarians must be able to diagnose possible health problems quickly and accurately. We have a complete in-house lab that provides for rapid and accurate assessment of many metabolic processes, aiding in the diagnosis and direction of treatment. Our tests are performed in house to give us results quickly. The rest are usually available with in 24 hours.

Complete Blood Chemistry Panel

Urinalysis

T4

Blood Glucose

Fel/FIV Test

Fungal Culture

Bacteria Culture

Electo-Lyte

Intestinal Parasite Screening

Skin Scrapings

Lyme/Ehrlichia/Anaplasma Test

CBC

Surgery

St Francis offers a wide range of surgical services that include; elective and major surgery, visiting specialist surgery, and specialist referrals. We perform preoperative blood profiles in our in-house lab to check kidney/liver function before anesthesia is administered and a technician is always present to monitor you pet closely once under anesthesia. Effective pain management is emphasized to reduce any discomfort before, during, and after surgical procedures and can be elected at the time of check in.

Spay/Neuter

For health, behavior, and population control it is also highly recommended that you spay or neuter your pet. This is typically done in puppies and kittens at about six months of age.

VACCINATIONS

For the safety of your pet, it is required that all animals must have current vaccinations before being admitted for any elective procedures such as spays, neuters, dentals, or any other surgeries. Vaccinations are also required for any hospitalization or boarding at our facility. If vaccinations are not current, they will be administered upon admission. In certain cases, exceptions are made through the Dr.'s when a sick pet is being admitted and is too ill to receive vaccinations,

Pharmacy

Our in-house pharmacy is fully equipped with medication to meet all of your pet's medical needs, including some hard to find suspensions. This allows you the convenience of taking your pet's medications home with you after your appointment/procedure. If you need a refill on a prescription, you can call it in to our pharmacy and pick it up at your convenience. In addition, our technicians are here to answer any questions you may have about your pet's medication. If your pet ever needs a medication we do not carry, we will find out where to get it for you.

LONG TERM MEDICATIONS:

If your pet requires special medications that are needed on a long term basis, we can order these medications for you in bulk packaging. This will not only save you money, but will allow you the convenience of having a large amount of your pet's needed medication on hand. Please let us know if you would like to order your pet's prescription in this manner and we will be glad to assist you.

INTERNET PHARMACY POLICY

If you order your pet's prescription medication, (i.e. [heartworm preventative](#)) through Internet pharmacies such as Pet Med Express, you must obtain a written prescription through our hospital. St. Francis will not fax or email prescriptions for Internet pharmacies. You will need to call our office and request a prescription for your pet that can be picked up at your convenience.

WEIGHT LOSS CONTROL

Nutritional Consulting;

Different pets have different nutritional needs. We carry diets specifically designed for the needs of puppies, kittens, adult dogs and cats, and senior pets. It is very important to ensure that your pet is on the best quality diet to prevent health problems, as well as [obesity](#). In addition, we carry a large variety of prescription diets for your pet, some specifically designed for weight reduction and maintenance. We have a highly trained staff ready to assist your pet with their special dietary needs.

