

**Feeding Instructions for Puppies Born in Foster care**

Initially the mother will handling nursing all the puppies. They should be weighed regularly to ensure they are gaining weight. Once the puppies are 4-5 weeks old, you will transition them to a “Puppy Stew”. You will gradually wean out the milk supplement so that by 7-8 weeks old they are on solid puppy food without the milk supplement.

**Recipe for Puppy Stew:**

* Mix ground puppy food, warm water and milk supplement in a 50/50 mixture.

**Vetting for Puppies Born in Foster Care**

**At 2 Weeks of age the Vetting schedule begins.**

**De-Worming:**

We utilize [Nemex](https://www.jefferspet.com/products/nemex-2-16-oz?sku=N2J5) Pyrantel based liquid dewormer

Administer 1 full tsp (5 mL) for each 10 lb of body weight.

Recommendations:

* For maximum control of reinfection, puppies should be treated at 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 10 weeks of age.
* Lactating bitches (mom) should be treated 2-3 weeks after whelping and follow the same schedule as the puppies.

**Parvo/Distemper:**

We start Parvo/Distemper vaccinations at 6 weeks. The first shot is given ([distemper/parvo only](https://www.jefferspet.com/products/nobivac-dappv-25-sd?via=5338847b9fa2600f00000029%2F5338847f9fa2600f0000007d%2F533884819fa2600f000000a4)), 3-4 weeks later we follow up with the second shot ([DHLPP](https://www.jefferspet.com/products/nobivac-canine-1-dappvl-25s-d-galaxy-da2ppvl?sku=SHGF)), third shot (DHLPP) given 3-4 weeks later until they reach 16 weeks. If the series is interrupted, it may have to be restarted.

**Bordetella/Kennel Cough**

Puppies should receive the [Bordetella vaccine](https://www.jefferspet.com/products/nobivac-intra-trac-kc?via=5338847b9fa2600f00000029%2F5338847f9fa2600f0000007d%2F533884819fa2600f000000a4) between the ages of 6-8 weeks.

**Leptosporosis:**

This is included in the 2nd and 3rd distemper/parvo vaccination we use: DHLPP (Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptosporosis, Parvo, Parainfuenza,) for pups, the initial lepto vaccine is administered at 8 weeks of age or older and repeated 3-4 weeks later.

**Rabies:**

Given at 12- 14 weeks, can be scheduled at Operation Pets or Transit Animal Hospital for s/n at 14 weeks to get free rabies. Otherwise will be owner’s responsibility.

\*All medications given orally, subcutaneous, or topically should be noted on the vaccination record.