

3. General Veterinary Information

3.1 Six-Month Health Checks

Routine six-month visits to the vet are required of all graduate dogs of GDTx. The Guide Dog owner must ask the vet to fill in the Health Record Book at the time of the examination, even if no treatment is given. Six-month checks are carried out whenever possible to coincide with the required booster vaccinations. Once completed, the owner tears out the duplicate copy and returns it to GDTx.

Naturally, visits to the vet are made whenever the owner is concerned about the dog's health. The Health Record Book must be completed by the vet on these non-routine visits as well, so the book has a constant up-to-date history of the dog's health and treatments. Take the Health Record Book with you if traveling away from home, as this health history is invaluable if you need to take the dog to an unfamiliar vet.

3.2 Vaccinations

GDTx recommends the following vaccinations, which are also listed in the front of your Health Record Book:

- a) Annual visit:
 - Parvo booster (Parvo)
 - Distemper booster (D)
 - Hepatitis booster (H)
 - Parainfluenza booster (P)
 - Coronavirus booster ©
 - Rabies booster (R)
 - Bordetella booster (B)
 - Heartworm antigen check
 - Fecal check
- b) If required by home environment:
 - Leptospirosis (L)
 - Lyme disease (Lyme)
- c) Six-month visit:
 - Parvo booster (Parvo)
 - Fecal check
- d) Monthly:
 - Administration of heartworm and flea control by the owner

3.3 Payment for Veterinary Treatment

The owner covers the cost of veterinary treatment. If a major operation is required and the owner's financial situation is difficult, GDTx will consider giving financial assistance.