



## COMFORTABLE VET VISITS

### **OUR GOAL IS THAT YOUR PUPPY WILL HAVE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE AND WILL BE HAPPY TO COME TO SEE US!**

Feel free to stop in on any day just for a "happy visit". Our staff can say hello and give a treat to help the puppy learn that our office is a happy and fear free practice.

These are some helpful tips to help make the puppy vaccination and exam series comfortable for all involved:

### **FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PATIENTS IN OUR CARE, PLEASE KEEP YOUR PUPPY**

- On a leash
  - We do not recommend retractable leads
    - Due to the extended length between you and your dog, you will not have the time or strength to pull your dog away from a dangerous situation and prevent an injury
  - Injuries
    - Friction burns/lacerations to other dog's or people's limbs
    - Neck trauma
    - May not be seen by pedestrians/cyclists, causing falls
  - Tangles
  - May cause pulling with some dogs
    - The lead can break if pulled on hard enough
  - Malfunctions over time
- In a carrier
  - This will also keep your dog safe during the car rides as well
- Wrapped in a blanket
  - This can be soothing
- Please do not let your puppy socialize with other dogs and cats in the waiting room
  - Your puppy is not vaccinated and may come in contact with a sick patient
- If your puppy is nervous, we can show you and your puppy to an available exam room to wait for your appointment
- If possible, try to bring a hungry puppy to the appointments
  - You can bring a special treat/small amount of food to distract your puppy during the exam and vaccinations
  - Our staff also uses treats to distract your puppy during vaccinations and nail trims
- Keep your puppy busy during the visit
  - Practice known tricks and commands
  - Bring a toy to play with