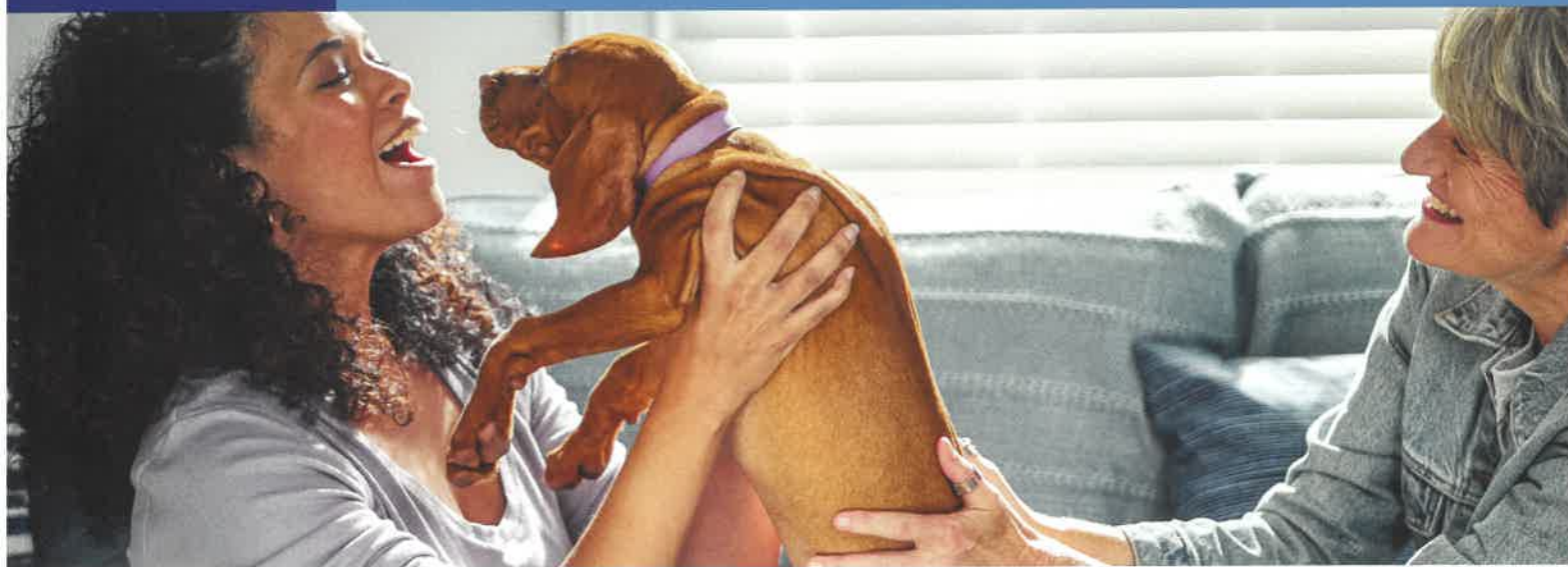




Welcoming Your New Puppy Home



Your Puppy's First Day Checklist:

- ☐ Unlock your lifetime benefits by completing your dog's AKC Registration.
- ☐ Try not to overwhelm your puppy. Introduce them to your home, one room at a time.
- ☐ Choose a potty spot and a command. When they go, reward them with treats and praise.
- ☐ Introduce them to house rules and new family members (like other pets), one at a time.
- ☐ Minimize the stress and excitement from other visitors. Your friends will meet them soon—just not today.
- ☐ Schedule their first vet visit (Use our Puppy Vaccination Schedule and Medical tracker). Until your puppy has all their shots, don't interact with dogs outside your home!
- ☐ Get the supplies you need to make your puppy feel right at home. Visit shop.akc.org and get 15% off your first order by using the code **AKCDOG15**.

Register your dog to get AKC Pupdate with weekly advice for your puppy's breed and age.



Pupdate



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Start a Routine (and Stick to It!)



MEALS: Puppies typically eat three times a day. Your breeder can help you set a consistent feeding schedule.

POTTY: Puppies go to the bathroom often, so watch for signs! Take them to a designated potty spot after waking, eating or drinking, and when they start circling or sniffing around.

PLAY: Puppies need exercise and mental stimulation! Some exercises like long runs and jumping are not good for puppies; instead, playing with toys and running in the yard are great ways to exercise and bond with your puppy.

SLEEP: Young puppies sleep a lot—some up to 16 to 18 hours a day! Plan on several naps throughout the day and set a bedtime. To reduce their anxiety on the first night home, put their crate in your bedroom. Your pup will feel safe knowing you're nearby.

TRAIN: Developing skills are time sensitive! You should train your puppy throughout the day: during walks, playtime, potty breaks, and meals. Get the expert advice you need with our 4-week training course that covers everything from basic commands to house training.

Get started with interactive video lessons for a flexible, home-based format with Canine College!



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Strengthen Your Connection with Your Puppy



AKC Sports & Events

Want an exciting way to train, achieve, and connect with fellow dog lovers? With your AKC Registration, you can participate in AKC Sports & Events, offering exciting activities for all dogs—including all skill levels and mixed breeds!

- Great exercise & mental stimulation
- Build confidence & teamwork
- 29,000+ events each year

No matter your dog's age, size, or energy level, there's a sport for every dog and every owner! Whether you're training for fun or competition, you'll love seeing your dog learn new skills and shine.



Visit akc.org/sports to find out how you can participate!



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AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy & Canine Good Citizen® Program

Start your puppy off on the right paw! The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program is the first step toward a well-trained companion, focusing on socialization, training, activity, and responsible ownership.

- Designed for puppies in their first year
- Requires a 6-week training course & evaluation
- Earn your puppy's first AKC training title

This program builds a strong foundation for good manners and prepares puppies for future training, including Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) and beyond!

To get started teaching your puppy new skills and tricks, connect with one of our AKC CGC Approved Evaluators or Trainers, or email starpuppy@akc.org for more information.



Scan here to learn more about our S.T.A.R. Puppy Program!



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My Dog's Vaccination and Medical Records



Name: _____ Spay/Neuter Date: _____

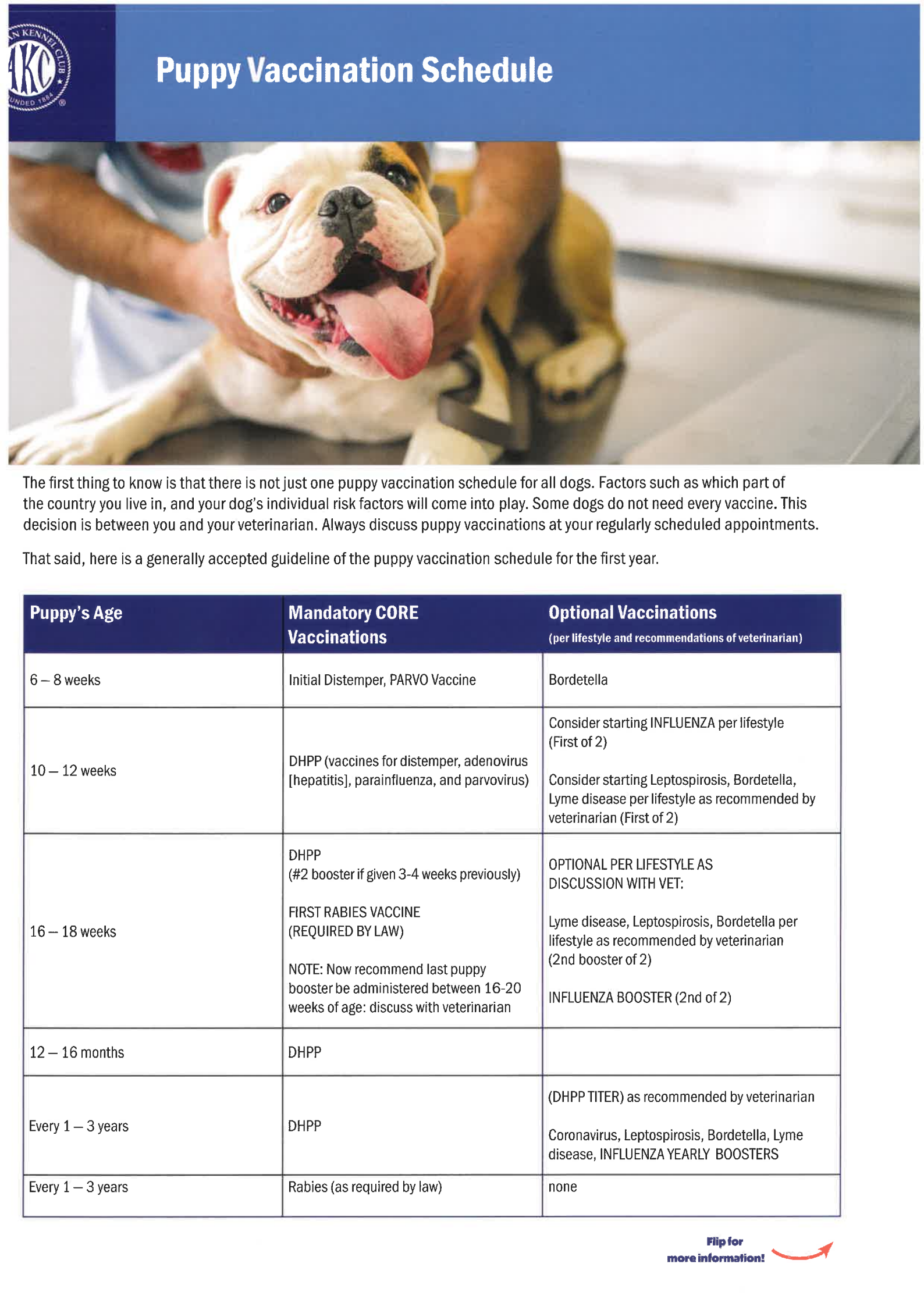
Breed: _____ Insurance Policy #: _____

Birthday: _____ County Animal ID #: _____

Special Markings: _____

Vaccine	Immunization Dates						Veterinarian
DA2PP or DHPP - Distemper, Adenovirus-2 (Hepatitis), Parvovirus, Parainfluenza							
DHLPP - Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis Parvovirus, Parainfluenza							
Leptospirosis							
Rabies Canine							
Bordetella							
Lyme Disease							
Coronavirus							
Canine Influenza							
Heartworm							

Notes



Puppy Vaccination Schedule

The first thing to know is that there is not just one puppy vaccination schedule for all dogs. Factors such as which part of the country you live in, and your dog’s individual risk factors will come into play. Some dogs do not need every vaccine. This decision is between you and your veterinarian. Always discuss puppy vaccinations at your regularly scheduled appointments.

That said, here is a generally accepted guideline of the puppy vaccination schedule for the first year.

Puppy’s Age	Mandatory CORE Vaccinations	Optional Vaccinations (per lifestyle and recommendations of veterinarian)
6 – 8 weeks	Initial Distemper, PARVO Vaccine	Bordetella
10 – 12 weeks	DHPP (vaccines for distemper, adenovirus [hepatitis], parainfluenza, and parvovirus)	Consider starting INFLUENZA per lifestyle (First of 2) Consider starting Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease per lifestyle as recommended by veterinarian (First of 2)
16 – 18 weeks	DHPP (#2 booster if given 3-4 weeks previously) FIRST RABIES VACCINE (REQUIRED BY LAW) NOTE: Now recommend last puppy booster be administered between 16-20 weeks of age: discuss with veterinarian	OPTIONAL PER LIFESTYLE AS DISCUSSION WITH VET: Lyme disease, Leptospirosis, Bordetella per lifestyle as recommended by veterinarian (2nd booster of 2) INFLUENZA BOOSTER (2nd of 2)
12 – 16 months	DHPP	
Every 1 – 3 years	DHPP	(DHPP TITER) as recommended by veterinarian Coronavirus, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease, INFLUENZA YEARLY BOOSTERS
Every 1 – 3 years	Rabies (as required by law)	none



Declare Your Love by Registering Your Dog



AKC registration is your first step into a world of support, resources, and a shared passion for dogs. It's more than paperwork, it's a commitment to preserving your dog's breed and the traits you love.

When you register, you get tools to help you and your dog thrive like breed-specific advice in your inbox, online training, free vet visit, your dog's family tree, and opportunities to create lasting memories through AKC sports. Celebrate your dog, connect with a supportive community, and enjoy lifelong benefits - all starting at \$40.

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Included With Your Registration

- Personalized AKC Registration Certificate
- Online "Training Basic Skills" Course via AKC Canine College
- AKC Pupdate Newsletter Subscription with Age and Breed Specific Advice
- 30 Day Accident and Illness Coverage from AKC Pet Insurance ‡
- Free Initial Visit with an AKC-Affiliated Vet Office
- AKC Family Dog Magazine Subscription with Tips on Health and Training

Add-Ons

- AKC Reunite Microchip & Lost Pet Recovery Service
- 4-Generation AKC Certified Pedigree (Your Dog's Family Tree)
- 1 Year of Unlimited Training Support via AKC GoodDog Helpline

‡ The initial 30 days of accident and illness pet insurance is administered by PetPartners, Inc. available to U.S. residents; not available in CA, NY, and WA. Eligibility restrictions apply. Offer for 30 days of initial pet insurance coverage must be activated within 28 days of your pet's registration date with The American Kennel Club (AKC) for coverage to take effect. Waiting/exclusionary periods for Intervertebral Disc Disease (IVDD), Cruciate Ligament, and Pre-Existing Conditions still apply. Pre-existing conditions may be eligible after 365 days of continuous coverage. Premium is deferred for 30 days for the initial 30 days of coverage. Premiums are based on and may increase or decrease due to the age of your pet, the species or breed of your pet, and your home address. For terms and conditions visit: www.petpartners.com/sample-policies. Products are underwritten by Independence American Insurance Company (NAIC #26581) or Independence Pet Insurance Company (NAIC #17543), and produced by PetPartners, Inc. (NPN #7612549; CA license #0F27261 PPI Pet Insurance Agency, Inc.). "AKC Pet Insurance" Program is a marketing name used by PPI and is not an AKC business nor an insurer. AKC does not offer or sell insurance plans. "AKC" and its related trademarks are used by PPI under license; AKC may receive compensation from PPI.

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Everything We Do, We Do for Dogs



AKC has proudly contributed over \$55 million to programs that improve the lives of dogs everywhere. From supporting disaster relief and helping lost dogs find their way home to funding canine health research, we're committed to building happier, healthier, longer lives for all dogs.

Find out about the impact your registration makes and learn about some of our departments and affiliates!

Register your dog to support a not-for-profit doing great work for all dogs.



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Microchipping and recovery service that supports working K9 and pet disaster relief efforts

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Allocates millions of dollars to study nearly all of the top canine diseases

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Provides grants for dog-friendly domestic violence shelters and rescue organizations

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Advocates for dog owners' rights and ensures fair, non-discriminatory laws

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Dangerous Foods & Household Products



Many foods and household products can be dangerous to dogs!

It's only natural for dogs to be curious. But their curiosity can get them into trouble when they get into areas where you store household items such as food, medicine, and detergents. Many common household items that you use every day can be harmful, and sometimes even lethal to your dog. Always keep garbage and medication out of reach of your pets, children, and animals.

Foods That are Harmful to Your Dog:

Ingredients that are harmful to your dog:

Xylitol

Artificial sweetener

(found in many store-bought baked goods)

Sugarless gum

These may cause vomiting, abdominal pain and/or diarrhea.

Almond

Alcohol

Apricot

Avocados

Balsam Pear

Chocolate

Coffee grounds

Corn cobs

Garlic

Grapes

Japanese Plum

Macadamia nuts

Mushrooms *(if also toxic to humans)*

Onions and onion powder

Pear and peach kernels

Raisins

Rhubarb

Seeds and pits of fruit

Spinach

Tomato and potato leaves and stems

Wild cherry

Yeast dough

Common Household Items That are Harmful to Your Dog:

Acetaminophen

Antifreeze and other car fluids

Bleach and cleaning fluids

Boric acid

Deodorants

Deodorizers

De-icing salts

Disinfectants

Drain cleaners

Furniture polish

Gasoline

Hair colorings

Insecticides

Kerosene

Matches

Mothballs

Nail polish and remover

Paint

Prescription and non-prescription medicine

Rat poison

Rubbing alcohol

Shoe polish

Sleeping pills

Snail or slug bait

Turpentine

Weed killers

Windshield-wiper fluid

If your dog should ingest harmful foods or chemicals, contact a veterinarian or poison control center (www.poison.org) immediately.

