

Preventive health program

Cumberland, VA

Bacteriology

Brucella canis serological testing is conducted on 10% of all female broodstock after whelping. All studs are tested annually. This procedure may be performed more often as deemed necessary by the veterinarian.

Parasitology

Composite fecal flotation examinations are conducted weekly on approximately 50% of 4-week-old litters and 25% of runs housing 14-week-old puppies. Monthly examinations are performed on approximately 10% of 20-, 24- and 36-week-old dogs.

Serological testing for *Dirofilaria immitis* is conducted on approximately 10% of all female broodstock after whelping and all studs are tested annually.

Blood chemistry and hematology

Surveillance sampling is performed every other year to establish baseline averages for hematology and clinical chemistry parameters. These data are available upon request for 4-, 6- and 8-month-old beagles.

External parasite control program

Starting at 7 weeks of age and continuing approximately every 2 weeks thereafter, pups are treated with 1% Ivermectin in propylene glycol (1:40) topically in the ears.

Prophylactic program

Dogs receive routine preventive medicines as specified by the Attending Veterinarian. The schedule is reviewed as needed in light of specific medical needs of the colony. Vaccinations and/or treatments may be added or omitted by client request.

Additionally, deworming prophylaxis consisting of a sulfonamide and an anthelmintic is administered to dogs prior to delivery and can be customized to meet client needs.

In general, dogs receive the following routine preventive medical care:

5 weeks of age Bordetella/Parainfluenza/Adenovirus Type 2 vaccine

5 weeks of age Canine Parvovirus vaccine

5 weeks of age Fenbendazole

7 weeks of age Distemper, Adenovirus Type 2, Parainfluenza and Parvo vaccine

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10 weeks of age Distemper, Adenovirus Type 2, Parainfluenza, Parvo and Leptospira bacterin vaccine

14 weeks of age Distemper, Adenovirus Type 2, Parainfluenza, Parvo and Leptospira bacterin vaccine

14 weeks of age Rabies vaccine

15 weeks of age Bordetella/Parainfluenza/Adenovirus Type 2 vaccine

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