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Recommendations for follow-up care of Burns Rescue Dogs

Thank you for adopting this special animal and committing to making a positive difference in his or her life. This dog came from a property in eastern Oregon where the dogs lived in crowded and unsanitary outdoor pens or roamed free on the property where they were essentially left to fend for themselves. Their continued care will require patience and dedication, as well as special considerations both behaviorally and medically. Following are recommendations from the Animal Medical and Learning Center at Oregon Humane Society veterinarians.

Vaccinations

The following vaccines were given at the Oregon Humane Society. Please see the animal's individual treatment records for dates given and due dates.

- DA2 PP combo vaccine
- Rabies vaccine (1 year)
- Bordatella intranasal vaccine

Wormers and Flea Products

Each animal received the following anthelmintics and flea spot-on treatment:

- Advantage Multi : Effective against adult fleas, hookworms, roundworms' demodex and whipworms
- Droncit : Effective against tapeworms
- Sentinel or Interceptor: Effective against fleas, adult hookworms, roundworms and whipworms.

All dogs should receive a follow up fecal microscopy within **10** days after adoption and be dewormed as needed under the direction of your veterinarian.

Hookworms, roundworms and tapeworms can be transmitted to resident pets. To keep your resident pets safe, please promptly dispose of any dog feces. These are also zoonotic diseases, meaning they can be transferred to humans. A human contracting tapeworms, roundworms and hookworms is unlikely but please exercise caution when handling any fecal matter and practice good hand washing and hygiene.

Nutritional Considerations and Recommendations

The majority of the dogs rescued are underweight. We suggest they be fed the recommended amount of dog food for their current weight split into two or three feedings per day. We understand the desire to overfeed an emaciated dog, but doing so can cause diarrhea and make potty training even more of a challenge. Continue to increase the amount of food as the dog gains weight. We have been feeding the dogs a medium grade pet food to minimize GI upset, but they can begin to be switched to a high quality premium food after adoption.

Dental Assessments and Recommendations

A large percentage of the dogs have broken or worn teeth and some degree of dental disease. Even one and two year old dogs have been found to have heavy tartar and gingivitis and are in need of dental cleaning and possible extractions. This is a direct result of their poor nutrition and ingestion of dirt and feces and their teeth are worn or broken from chewing on rocks, the chains they may have been tethered by and other foreign objects.