Congratulations on your new puppy! By the time your puppy is 8 weeks of age most breeders and rescues will have already given them their first set of vaccines and deworming. Although not all breeders require an examination by a veterinarian within 72 hours, we still highly recommend bringing them in to be sure there are no health concerns that can be found. Typically the first vaccine given is DHPP (Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, and Parainfluenza) between 6-8 weeks of age. For the first appointment we recommend bringing a fecal sample with you to make sure your new puppy does not have any internal parasites, like worms or protozoa, that are invisible to the naked eye. Unfortunately not all dewormers kill all types of parasites that puppies can acquire from their parents or living conditions and some of them have a zoonotic potential. Depending on the time of year (summer) we may also send home a dose of revolution to aid in parasite prevention against fleas, ticks, heartworm etc. At the age of 12 weeks we booster the DHPP vaccine and add in Leptospirosis and Bordetella (kennel cough vaccine) if needed for boarding, puppy classes, or doggy daycare. We would also continue with either deworming or revolution depending on time of year and what was given previously. At the age of 16 weeks we again booster the DHLPP and give the puppy their first Rabies vaccination. 10-14 days after their last set of vaccines your puppy will be fully protected against the most common diseases.