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Opinion

Letters to the editor

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More good reasons pets need vets

Re: the May 17 editorial "Vaccinate pups so they survive parvo outbreak."

Thank you for the Star's very informative and helpful editorial highlighting why one should vaccinate their dog.

Something that we think might not have come across fully is the myriad reasons to have your puppy vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian. Buying vaccinations from what may be an unreliable source to save a few dollars is not worth it when treating your pet. Completing the full series of vaccinations is crucial. Some pet owners only complete the first puppy shot and think their pet is protected: it is not. Working with a licensed veterinarian will make sure your dog gets the care it needs.

We hope the Star's readers keep in mind that prevention is the best medicine. Puppies do not have fully developed immune systems and even 24 hours of vomiting and diarrhea can lead to serious dehydration, metabolic imbalances and depletion of their ability to fight the infection. The sooner a veterinarian can administer intensive care, intravenous fluids and medication, the better chance we have of saving these dogs.

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