



# Young Toy Poodle

*Toy Poodles are an intelligent, sweet and cheerful breed. You should also know they can be predisposed to the following ailments. Examinations twice a year and routine diagnostics to catch problems early, when they are easiest to treat, are recommended for the life of your dog.*

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## Periodontal Disease

### Description

Periodontal disease, which is inflammation and infection of gum tissue, occurs when plaque and tartar are allowed to build up on teeth. It progresses to gum recession, and bone and tooth loss.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** oral exams twice a year and annual dental cleanings.

### Why Needed

Periodontal disease can contribute to:

- Pain
- Difficulty eating
- Jaw bone and/or tooth loss
- Kidney, liver and heart disease
- Behavioral changes

## Patellar Luxation

### Description

Patella luxation is when the kneecap pops out of place. This is due to the groove in the femur being too shallow or the ligaments that hold the kneecap in place pulling it off to the side.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** orthopedic examinations twice a year. Your veterinarian may also discuss weight management as a preventive measure.

### Why Needed

Patellar luxation can contribute to:

- Pain
- Arthritis
- Scraping of the kneecap against the femur
- Reduced mobility
- The need for surgery in severe cases

## Diabetes

### Description

Diabetes mellitus is a serious medical condition where your pet cannot control their blood sugar levels due to problems with insulin production or function. Common symptoms include drinking and urinating more than normal, along with unexplained weight loss or gain.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** annual urinalysis and bloodwork to check blood glucose levels, liver and kidney function.

### Why Needed

Diabetes can contribute to:

- Liver and kidney damage
- Hyperglycemia
- Lethargy
- Cataracts
- Shortened life expectancy

## Glaucoma

### Description

Glaucoma is a very painful condition in which fluid in the eye cannot drain as fast as it is being produced, leading to excessive pressure. The pressure crushes the lining of the retina.

### Early Detection

**Recommended:** comprehensive exams twice a year, intraocular pressure check.

### Why Needed

Glaucoma can contribute to:

- Extreme pain
- Squinting
- Watery, irritated eyes
- Swollen or bulging eyes
- Blindness

## Optimum Wellness Plans® and Toy Poodles

### Included in the Active Prevention Plan

- Oral examinations twice a year\*
  - Annual dental cleaning
  - Orthopedic examinations twice a year\*
  - Annual urinalysis
  - Blood work to check glucose levels
  - Intraocular pressure check\*
- \*Part of the comprehensive examination

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