



## Young Medium-Sized Mixed Breed Dog

*Mixed breed dogs have the characteristics of the breeds that make them up. 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.*

### 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

### Wisdom Panel

#### Description

Your dog's breed mix can effect what is the best preventive care plan for him or her. However, if you have a mixed breed dog it is difficult to know exactly what breed conditions to monitor for. The Wisdom Panel tests your dog's DNA to determine the breeds in his or her ancestry back to its great grandparents.

#### Early Detection

We recommend determining your dog's breed using the Wisdom Panel test. This will allow you and Banfield to partner in determining the best preventive care for your dog through:

- Taking early preventive care measures related to known health risks for the breeds
- Monitoring for warning signs of breed-related health risks
- Determining potential juvenile and adult behavior and training needs based on his or her breeds
- Designing the best nutrition plan for your dog as he or she develops and ages

Once your pet's breeds are determined, your Banfield medical team can provide breed specific information regarding your dog's preventive care.

### Optimum Wellness Plans® and Medium-Sized Mixed Breed Dogs

#### Included in the Active Prevention Plan

- Oral examinations twice a year\*
- Annual dental cleaning

\*Part of the comprehensive examination

Plus the preventive care in each plan and 15% off on nearly all products and services

Consult your Banfield medical team for the best plan level for your individual pet.



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