

Canine Immunization

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Immunizing your dog is an important procedure that in most cases will provide protection against an illness that may be life threatening. Although most dogs do not react adversely to vaccination, some have had allergic or other systemic reactions after receiving a vaccine. Rarely, the allergic reaction can be so profound that it may be life threatening.

Vaccinating your pet should not be taken lightly. Failure to vaccinate could result in your pet contracting a serious preventable disease. However, unnecessary vaccinations should be avoided. A decision to vaccinate should only come after your dog's age and the risk of exposure to disease are considered by you and your veterinarian.

The following vaccines listed are considered "core" and "non-core". All pets should receive core vaccinations with boosters at appropriate intervals to be determined by exposure risk related to your pet's life style. Non-core vaccinations should not be used routinely and are only administered if your pet's exposure risk warrants it.

Core vaccinations for dogs:

- Canine Distemper
- Hepatitis (Adenovirus-2)
- Parainfluenza
- Parvovirus enteritis
- Rabies

Non-core vaccinations for dogs:

- Bordetella (Kennel Cough)
- Lyme Disease
- Leptospirosis

Puppy vaccination series: Puppies receive a series of vaccinations at 3-4 weeks intervals in order to insure that they are developing a protective immune response on their own. Maternal antibodies derived from the first few days of milk while nursing their mother will give the puppy a temporary immunity that may interfere with development of a protective immune response to the vaccine. This temporary immunity when present will persist in some puppies for as long as 20 weeks.

1. DA2P (Distemper, Adenovirus-2, Parainfluenza)
 6-8 weeks 10-12 weeks 14-16 weeks
2. Parvovirus enteritis
 6-8 weeks 10-12 weeks 14-16 weeks
3. Rabies at 3-4 months. Booster in 1 year, then every 3 years after that.

Please check all of the statements that apply to your pet.

always indoors, primarily indoors, equally indoors-outdoors, primarily outdoors, always outdoors, visits a boarding kennel frequently, is groomed frequently, travels out of the immediate area, has exposure to wildlife (raccoons, opossums, skunks, snakes, etc.)

(Has) (Has not) had a reaction to previous vaccinations. If occurred, describe reaction;
 listlessness/fever, local tenderness/swelling, mild allergic reaction, severe allergic reaction,
 injection site abscess

Your pet's vaccinations are an important part of our overall wellness care program. Thank you for taking the time to review this information and for giving us valuable information about your

pet's life style so that we may tailor a vaccination program appropriate for your pet.