

## Canine Vaccines – What you need to know

Vaccination is a safe, effective and necessary part of your dog's healthcare. It acts as a barrier to protect your pet, and the people in your household.

### What vaccinations does my puppy need and when?

Use this table and speak with your veterinary team to establish the timeline that makes sense for vaccinating your new puppy. You can also scan this code and answer some questions about your puppy to see which vaccinations are recommended for them specifically:

Core Vaccinations are recommended for every dog, no matter their lifestyle. **These are life-threatening diseases that can be picked up in a normal dog's routine, or even brought home on an owner's shoes in some cases.**



Antigen	6-9 weeks	10-14 weeks	14-18 weeks
Distemper Adenovirus Parvovirus	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose	3 <sup>rd</sup> dose
Leptospira		1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose
Rabies			1 <sup>st</sup> dose

Lifestyle vaccinations are recommended based on what you anticipate doing with your pet, and what risk factors come with those activities.

Antigen	10-14 weeks	14-18 weeks
Lyme	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	2 <sup>nd</sup> dose
Bordetella (Kennel Cough)	1 <sup>st</sup> dose	

Not all dogs will be vaccinated with every one, and the recommendations may change as your pet's lifestyle does. One year after the initial round of vaccinations, it is recommended to booster all of the vaccines given as a puppy. From there, your veterinary team will let you know when they are due next.

For puppies and adult dogs weighing less than 20lb, it is recommended to separate vaccinations so that they are given one at a time to minimize the occurrence of vaccine reaction, and to reduce soreness after vaccination. During your appointment with our veterinary and technician teams, we will go over both risks and benefits of vaccinations, as well as the schedule recommended for your pet based on their specific needs.

### Are vaccinations safe?

For most pets, vaccination risks are far lower than those posed by the life-threatening diseases vaccinations prevent. However, reactions do occur occasionally. Most reactions are mild, causing facial swelling, hives, or GI issues, which is why you should watch your pet closely after they are vaccinated. Fortunately, serious allergic reactions are rare.

### How much do vaccinations cost?

At our veterinary clinic, we tailor the vaccination protocol to your pet's individual needs, therefore the cost can vary depending on what we need to give, and how many sets of vaccinations are required. Please contact us directly for an accurate quotation of the services and vaccinations your pet needs.

### I still have questions...

We're sure you do, and that's why we're here to support you! During your consultation with the veterinarian, your pet will receive a full physical examination, and they will discuss with you their recommendations, what to expect after a vaccine, and when you need to bring them back to see us again. We will also go over cost of what to expect for the upcoming appointments, and anything you might need to bring with you to be fully prepared.



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We use the AAHA guidelines to form our protocols. Scan this QR code to read more here about the **Top 10 Facts Pet Owners Should Know About AAHA's Canine Vaccination Guidelines**

#### Geography

**Some diseases are spreading to areas we haven't seen them commonly before.** Other diseases such as canine influenza can have unpredictable outbreaks anywhere.

#### Genetics

**Some dogs may be more prone to certain vaccine reactions.** Being aware of this increased risk can help your veterinarian recommend modifications to the protocol to ensure your pet can still get the protection they need.

#### Physical Factors

**Not all dogs are created equal!** Factors such as a dog's size, current health state, or current diseases can impact your personalized recommendation.

#### Lifestyle

**Your dog's lifestyle has a big impact on their disease risk factors.** Avid hikers? Frequent travelers? Doggie daycare? These are just some of the questions that can affect the recommended protocol.