



K9 Vaccine Protocols

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VACCINATIONS:

All of our protocols come from the latest published recommendations from the American Veterinary Vaccine Committee Recommendations which are revised every 2 years. Vaccines are divided into **CORE** (required and highly recommended) and **ELECTIVE** (optional based on lifestyle, exposure and activities). **Z= Zoonotic disease**, meaning the disease can be spread between humans and dogs.

Dog Vaccine Protocols (CORE)

- Puppies
 - Start DHPP vaccine at 8 weeks in a puppy with known maternal vaccine status.
 - Repeat DHPP vaccine every 3-4 weeks until 20 weeks of age. Good for 1 year after 20 week booster.
 - Puppies with poor nursing history or unknown history may need to start earlier.
 - Bordetella (**Z**)- Oral or injectable vaccine given at 12 weeks and 16 weeks. Repeated every 6 months with a booster.
 - **NEW:** Leptospirosis vaccine (**Z**)- first given at 12 weeks with a booster at 16 weeks. Annual booster thereafter. San Diego County experienced an increased incidence of Leptospirosis in 2013 thus the addition of this vaccine to our CORE protocol. There may be a wildlife source that is spreading this spirochete bacteria through urine/feces.
 - Rabies vaccine is given at 16 or 20 week visit. Good for 1 year.
- Adult Dogs
 - Unknown history
 - DHPP given and then repeated in 3-4 weeks. Booster every year thereafter.
 - Bordetella- 2 vaccines given 3-4 weeks apart. Booster every 6 months thereafter.
 - Leptospirosis vaccine- 2 vaccines given 3-4 weeks apart. Booster every year thereafter.
 - Rabies vaccine is given then repeated in 1 year, then every 3 years thereafter.
 - Known puppy vaccine history
 - DHPP is repeated annually until YEAR 4. It is then given every 3 years.
 - Bordetella is given every 6 months.
 - Leptospirosis vaccine- Booster annually.
 - Rabies is given at 1 year, then repeated every 3 years.
 - TITERS for Distemper and Parvo: Can be run to assess immunization levels after 4 years of age. If the titer is high enough, vaccination can be skipped.

Dog Vaccine Protocols (Elective)

- Puppies/Adult Dogs
 - Lyme vaccine- 2 vaccines given 3-4 weeks apart, repeated yearly. Tick exposure dogs, travel to Eastern USA.
 - Canine Influenza Virus Vaccine- 2 vaccines given 3-4 weeks apart, repeated yearly. **NOT RECOMMENDED** by the vaccine board as of 2014. This is a tough one to know what is right. It is a very difficult bug to isolate. There are some who still feel that it should be administered to patients who use boarding facilities frequently.
 - Giardia vaccine- **NOT RECOMMENDED** under any circumstance.
 - Corona virus vaccine- **NOT RECOMMENDED** under any circumstance.