

PUPPY VACCINE RECOMMENDATIONS



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IDEALLY BEGIN AT 6-8 WEEKS OLD (ADJUSTABLE):

- DHPP #1/3
- Bordetella “kennel cough” vaccine (valid for 6 months)
- Intestinal parasite screening “stool sample”
- Deworming #1/2
- Begin monthly flea, tick, and heartworm prevention

AT 10-12 WEEKS OLD:

- DHPP #2/3 + Lepto #1/2 + Lyme #1/2
- Rabies vaccine at 12 weeks old (valid for 1 year)
- Intestinal parasite screening “stool sample”
- Deworming #2/2
- Continue monthly preventatives

AT 14-16 WEEKS OLD:

- DHPP #3/3 + Lepto #2/2 + Lyme #2/2 (valid for 1 year)
- Begin optional vaccine(s) #1/2
- Continue monthly preventatives

AT 18-20 WEEKS OLD:

- Optional/Lifestyle vaccine(s) #2/2 (valid for 1 year)
- Preanesthetic bloodwork (for spay/neuter)
- Discuss any congenital problems to fix at spay/neuter
- Continue monthly preventatives

AT 6 MONTHS OLD

- Bordetella booster (valid for 6 months)
- Spay/neuter and microchip
- Correction of congenital issues *if applicable*
- X-ray screening (for hip dysplasia & other) *if applicable*
- Continue monthly preventatives

AT 12-15 MONTHS OLD:

- DHPP + Lepto + Lyme booster (valid for 1 year)
- Rabies vaccine booster (valid for 3 years)
- Bordetella booster (valid for 6 months)
- Optional vaccine(s) booster (valid for 1 year)
- Heartworm blood test screen
- Intestinal parasite screening
- Continue monthly preventatives

CORE VACCINES

- **Rabies:** A viral infection spread by bats or other wild animals. There is no treatment for this disease which has the potential to infect humans. Infection results in death, as such, this vaccine is required by law.
- DHPP stands for “**d**istemper, **h**epatitis, **p**arainfluenza and **p**arvovirus,” and is commonly known as the “distemper” or “parvo” vaccine. This core vaccine prevents many upper respiratory and gastrointestinal infectious diseases, which in many cases could be fatal
- **Leptospirosis:** A bacterial infection spread through the urine of many wild animals. This infection may lead to potentially fatal kidney and/or liver failure. This disease has the potential to infect humans, as such, this vaccine is now considered a core vaccine to all of our patients.
- **Lyme:** A disease that is spread through infected ticks. This vaccine is highly recommended for all of our patients – especially dogs that spend a lot of time outdoors

OPTIONAL/LIFESTYLE VACCINES

Influenza and Bordetella: Contagious respiratory infections that infect dogs. These diseases are seen in high traffic dog populations – such as grooming or boarding facilities, dog parks, or dog shows. These vaccines are recommended for dogs that frequent these places.

FLEA, TICK, HEARTWORM PREVENTATIVES

Credelio is a monthly chewable that can be started at 8 weeks and older. **Bravecto** is a chewable flea and tick preventative that lasts 3 months, and puppies at 6 months can switch to this.

ProHeart is an injection that lasts 12 months in duration. It has proven to be 100% effective in preventing heartworm disease - your dog can be started at 12 months of age. **Interceptor Plus** is a monthly tablet that prevents heartworm and intestinal parasites that can be started at 6 weeks of age.

Simparica Trio is a monthly flea, tick, heartworm and intestinal parasite preventative chewable that can be started at 8 weeks of age.

Each tablet should be given monthly for the entirety of the year!

ASK YOUR VETERINARIAN WHICH PRODUCTS MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR DOG.

