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RECOMMENDED VACCINATION GUIDELINES FOR PUPPIES & DOGS

Puppies that have never been immunized need 3 series of shots, given over a period of 12 weeks, in order for their defense systems to develop immunity. After the primary series has been completed, booster vaccinations are usually required annually.

The following is the recommended vaccination schedule for puppies and dogs:

DHP-PV

SERIES	WHEN TO ADMINISTER
<i>Primary Series</i>	
1 st vaccination	6-8 weeks of age
2 nd booster vaccination	4 weeks after 1 st series (~12 weeks of age)
3 rd booster vaccination	4 weeks after 2 nd series (~16 weeks of age)
<i>Adult Series</i>	
Annual booster	1 year after 3 rd booster
Ongoing boosters	Every 3 years

- DHP-PV is a combination vaccine that contains **D**istemper, **H**epatitis (canine adenovirus type 2), **P**arainfluenza, and **P**arvovirus.

Leptospirosis

SERIES	WHEN TO ADMINISTER
<i>Primary Series</i>	
1 st vaccination	12 weeks of age
2 nd booster vaccination	16 weeks of age
<i>Adult Series</i>	
Annual booster	yearly

- Leptospirosis can be added on to the DHP-PV vaccine. It is recommended for all dogs.
- If it has been over 1 year and 3 months since the last vaccination, the series will have to be restarted (initial and a booster 2-4 weeks later).
- Adult dogs who have never been vaccinated against Leptospirosis will also need an initial vaccine and a booster 2-4 weeks later. If it has been more than 8 weeks since the initial vaccination, the series **MUST** be restarted.

Bordetella (Kennel cough)

SERIES	WHEN TO ADMINISTER
<i>Primary Series</i>	

1 st vaccination	12 weeks of age
2 nd booster vaccination (only required if injectable vaccine used)	16 weeks of age
<i>Adult Series</i>	
Annual booster	yearly

- Bordetella can be given intra-nasally or via injection.
- **Notes about the primary series (Bordetella):**
 - The intra-nasal vaccination does not need to be boosted during the primary series. It is given only once.
 - If the Bordetella vaccination was administered by injection, it must be boosted 4 weeks from the date of the first immunization.

Rabies

Puppies or dogs that have never been immunized

A rabies vaccine is given to puppies at approximately 16 weeks or to dogs that have never been immunized. This primary vaccination needs to be boosted after one year.

Adult dogs

After the primary series has been boosted (one year from the date of the first series), adult dogs are then immunized against rabies every 3 years.

Suggested Vaccination Schedule for Puppies

8 weeks:	DHP-PV (1 st)
12 weeks:	DHP-PV (2 nd) Lepto (1 st) Bordetella
16 weeks:	DHP-PV (3 rd) Lepto (2 nd) Bordetella (only if required) Rabies Primary



Booster all vaccines after 1 year