

Bordetella Vaccine

The bordetella vaccine protects your dog from kennel cough. The vaccine contains a weakened strain of bordetella bronchiseptica. By vaccinating your dog, your dog's body will already know how to eliminate the bacteria with few or no symptoms.

Bordetella vaccination is recommended for all dogs visiting damp and enclosed places, such as pet grooming facilities or boarding facilities. Like DA2PP, Bordetella is a highly-recommended yearly booster vaccine. Oral or intranasal bordetella vaccines should be available for your pet at your local vet clinic.

Beware, not all cough is caused by bacteria. A dog may start coughing from having something stuck in the throat, allergies, heart problems, or even having a tracheal collapse.

It is very important to take your pet to the veterinarian if it has developed a chronic cough. X-rays will most likely be needed in order to find out what is causing the cough.

****Always see if your dog ate anything that could get stuck in his throat.***



Thank you for being a responsible pet owner!

To accept a pet is to accept a huge responsibility. From treating them with kindness, to giving them the best food, to offering them necessary veterinary care. It can add unexpected expenses to your monthly budget.

It is recommended to take a pet to an annual health examination. This way your veterinarian will detect health problems before they are severe and very expensive to treat. In the long run, these visits to the vet will save you money and most of all, the sadness and stress of watching your pet suffer.

Apart from vaccinating your dogs, spaying and neutering them is also highly recommended. Please, do not forget about the microchip while still making sure your pet is always wearing a collar and a name tag with a phone number that is in service. Update the name tag when you change your phone number.

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Is it necessary to vaccinate my dog?

Definitely. Canine pets are constantly at risk of becoming infected with a virus as soon as they step out of the house. It is as easy as walking on an infected area or as dangerous as a bite from a sick animal. A vaccinated pet exposed to a virus will have immunity until the vaccine expires. Vaccines are usually given yearly or every three years depending on the pet's age and type of vaccine.

My dog doesn't go outside much. Do I still need to vaccinate my pet? Yes.

The law requires for 4-month-old dogs and older to be vaccinated against rabies. A dog owner can receive multiple fines if he or she fails to show proof of up-to-date rabies vaccine for each dog owned.

What risks am I taking by not vaccinating my dog? Lots of them.

An unvaccinated dog can become infected with a virus and become extremely sick, in severe cases causing the death of the pet. Not to mention, a sick dog can quickly spread the virus to other unvaccinated pets. Remember, vaccines prevent the spread of **zoonotic** diseases. Protect your pets so you can also protect your family and community.

Is the rabies vaccine the only vaccine my dog should get? *No.* The law requires an up-to-date rabies vaccine for your dog's entire life. But, other vaccines are highly recommended.

Zoonotic: A disease that can be transmitted from animal to human.

What vaccines are recommended for my dog and what do they protect against?

Rabies Vaccine

Rabies is an aggressive virus that can be transmitted from mammal to mammal because it is a **zoonotic** disease. Therefore, a pet's owner is in danger of getting infected if his pet has rabies.

Rabies is transmitted through a bite from a rabid animal when saliva touches the open wound. This virus affects the central nervous system of its carrier. The most noticeable symptoms of a rabid animal are excessive salivation, wanting to bite uncontrollably, and aggressiveness. In the final stage, the animal usually paralyzes and/or has seizures until its death.

Thanks to the requirement of rabies vaccines for dogs, most rabies cases reported in the United States have been from wild animals such as bats, raccoons, skunks, and foxes!



DA2PP Vaccine

This vaccine is recommended for dogs starting at two months of age and older. DA2PP protects your pet from distemper, adenovirus-2, parainfluenza and parvovirus.

This vaccine is known as the "parvo" vaccine because parvovirus is highly contagious and a dangerous virus. Parvo can cause the death of a dog a few days after getting infected. For this reason, it is recommended that 2-month-old puppies start with their series of three DA2PP "parvo" vaccines. Each vaccine is given three weeks apart. Upon completion of all three vaccinations, your puppy will be fully protected for one year. DA2PP booster is recommended annually for adult dogs.

The most noticeable symptoms of a dog infected with parvovirus are severe bloody diarrhea and vomiting followed by loss of appetite. If you notice these symptoms in your pet, take him to the emergency veterinary hospital as soon as possible. Without treatment, the possibility of survival is very slim, especially for a puppy.



****It is recommended not to take your puppy for a walk if he has not completed the DA2PP vaccine series.***