

Vaccination Guide – DOGS

Which vaccinations should your pet receive?

CORE VACCINATIONS:

Rabies: All dogs and cats are required by state law to be vaccinated against the rabies virus. Dogs and cats are old enough for their first rabies vaccination when they are 4 months of age. Patients who are on-time for their rabies vaccination update may qualify for a 3 year vaccination at the doctor's discretion.

DHPP (Distemper/Hepatitis/Parvovirus/Parainfluenza): All dogs should be vaccinated with this combination vaccine.

Young puppies will receive this vaccination as a series. Ideally, the series begins when they are between 6 and 8 weeks of age and should be boosted every 3-4 weeks until they are 16 weeks of age.

Once the puppy series is complete, the vaccination will last for 1 year. Patients who are on-time for their vaccination update may qualify for a 3 year vaccination at the doctor's discretion.

ADDITIONAL VACCINATIONS:

Bordetella: The bordetella vaccination protects against what is commonly known as "kennel cough." This vaccination is recommended for dogs who are exposed to groups of other dogs in close quarters. These include, but are not limited to, dogs who are placed in the following environments:

- doggy daycare
- grooming facilities
- shelter facilities
- dog parks
- boarding facilities
- pet stores

We carry the oral version of the bordetella vaccine and recognize its protection for 1 year.

You may find that some facilities require this vaccine to be updated every 6 months.

Leptospirosis: The "lepto" vaccination is recommended for all dogs, but especially those who are exposed to an environment that contains wildlife (deer, raccoons, foxes, etc.) and if the dog has access to drinking water from lakes/rivers/streams. If you take your dog hiking or camping, or if you live in an area with wildlife, consider this vaccination.

If this is the first time your dog is receiving this vaccine, a booster is needed 3-4 weeks after the initial dose to then be effective in the immune system for 1 year at each on-time update.

Some veterinary clinics carry a version of this vaccination that is combined with the DHPP. It may be referred to as DHLPP. Please note that you must request these separately at True Companions Veterinary Clinic.

Canine Influenza: Similar to the bordetella vaccine, the canine influenza vaccine is recommended for any dogs exposed to social situations.

If this is the first time your dog is receiving this vaccine, a booster is needed 3-4 weeks after the initial dose to then be effective in the immune system for 1 year at each on-time update.

Vaccination Guide – CATS

Which vaccinations should your pet receive?

CORE VACCINATIONS:

Rabies: All dogs and cats are required by state law to be vaccinated against the rabies virus. Dogs and cats are old enough for their first rabies vaccination when they are 4 months of age. Patients who are on-time for their rabies vaccination update may qualify for a 3 year vaccination at the doctor's discretion.

FVRCP (Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis/Calicivirus/Panleukopenia): All cats should be vaccinated with this combination vaccine.

Young kittens will receive this vaccination as a series. Ideally, the series begins when they are between 6 and 8 weeks of age and should be boosted every 3-4 weeks until they are 16 weeks of age.

Once the kitten series is complete, the vaccination will last for 1 year. Patients who are on-time for their vaccination update may qualify for a 3 year vaccination at the doctor's discretion.

ADDITIONAL VACCINATIONS:

Feline Leukemia (FeLV): The feline leukemia vaccination is recommended for cats who have access to the outdoors, who may encounter stray cats, or who live in a multi-cat household with outdoor cats.

If this is the first time your cat is receiving this vaccine, a booster is needed 3-4 weeks after the initial dose to then be effective in the immune system for 1 year at each on-time update.

It is recommended that your cat is tested for Feline Leukemia and Feline AIDS prior to administering this vaccination (\$35 blood test).