

Basic Puppy Care



Vaccinations

Many common diseases, including distemper, are deadly to your dog. During the initial day of nursing puppies receive antibodies against certain diseases from their mother's milk. These protective antibodies are gradually lost between 6 and 16 weeks of age. Your puppy should be vaccinated several times during this period. Some diseases may be carried by rodents and wild animals, as well as dogs. They can also be carried into your house on your hands, shoes or clothing. Even if your dog is not in contact with other dogs, he or she is still at risk!

The DHLPP vaccine, containing distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parainfluenza and parvovirus, is given every 3 to 4 weeks, from the time the puppy is 6-8 weeks old until it is at least 16 weeks old. A Bordetella vaccination is given along with the first and second DHLPP to protect against canine kennel cough.

When a puppy is 16 weeks of age or older, he or she will also receive a rabies vaccination.

If you take your dog hunting or camping, if you live in the country, or if you can see deer from your yard your dog should also be protected against Lyme disease, which is usually carried by deer ticks. This requires an initial series of two vaccinations spaced a few weeks apart, and yearly boosters thereafter. The shots may be started when your puppy is 12 weeks of age.

Booster Vaccinate For These Diseases Every Year!

DATE	DHLPP	Rabies	Bordetella	Lyme	Parvo/ Corona	Giardia

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