

VACCINATIONS

The following information is offered for your consideration and is based on a minimal vaccination schedule suggested by Dr. Dodds. She has extensively studied vaccines and related health issues that occur due to over vaccination or due to combining certain vaccines. You may choose to follow other protocols recommended by your veterinarian, but please be aware of our contract requirements regarding vaccines when you figure out your puppy's schedule. The rabies vaccine SHOULD NOT be given at the same time as any other vaccine as your health warranty will become void should you do so. Schedule for your rabies vaccine to be given at least three weeks after the completion of the other vaccines.

Unless there is a high incidence of specific disease in your area, I highly recommend following Dr. Dodd's protocol. "Core" vaccines that should be given: Rabies (RV), Parvo (CPV-2), Distemper (CDV). "Non-core" vaccines treat for: Leptospirosis, Canine Parainfluenza, Hepatitis, Coronavirus, Lime Disease & Giardia.

Current research does not support the protocol most veterinarians continue to recommend. Please do your own research. Look up Dr. Dodd's info online to better understand how vaccines can negatively affect your puppy for life. Titer testing protects your dog from having unnecessary chemicals put into his body that could potentially affect his health by causing other serious issues. Do your own research, don't just follow the advice of your vet without first understanding what they are recommending and how it could potentially affect your pet.

YOUR PUPPY

1st Vaccination – Distemper & Parvo only – Nobivac Puppy DPV:

Around 8-9 weeks of age your puppy will have been given his first vaccination. Dr. Dodd's recommends between 9-10 weeks, but since most vets will be concerned if they see a puppy has not had a vaccine before being delivered to their family, we give one dose before the pups leave us. The specific vaccination date will be on the puppy record you are provided.

2nd Vaccination – 14 to 15 weeks of age - Distemper & Parvo only:

Dr. Dodd's recommendation: between 14 and 15 weeks of age. If you choose to have your puppy given other vaccines, please request that your vet give them individually and not in a 5-way or more vaccine, as those given in combination vaccines have higher risks associated with them (immediate risks and long term health risks).

3rd Vaccination – 18 weeks of age - Parvo only:

Give at 18 weeks of age. New information shows this is the most effective age to give the last vaccine in the puppy series. Same recommendation as before with core vaccines only.

Rabies Vaccination – 20 weeks or older, if allowable by law:

This should NOT be given at the same time as any other vaccine. Increased health risks can occur when administered when any other vaccine. The rabies vaccine should be given at least 3 weeks following the last of the puppy vaccines.

1 year Vaccination – Distemper & Parvo –booster or titer:

This booster is optional, but recommended, unless you intend on titer testing every three years.

1 year old - Rabies Vaccination – give 3 year rabies product

Have this rabies vaccine given at least 3-4 weeks apart from distemper/parvovirus booster.

"Perform vaccine antibody titers for distemper and parvovirus every three years thereafter, or more often, if desired. Vaccinate for rabies virus according to the law, except where circumstances indicate that a written waiver needs to be obtained from the primary care veterinarian."
Taken from Dr. Dodd's vaccination protocol information.