

2013 and 2014 Canine Vaccination Protocol-

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vaccines
WHAT DOES
MY DOG NEED?



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Note: The following vaccine protocol is offered for those dogs where minimal vaccinations are advisable or desirable. The schedule is one Dr. Dodds recommends and should not be interpreted to mean that other protocols recommended by a veterinarian would be less satisfactory. It's a matter of professional judgment and choice.

Dr. Dodds bases her decisions on numerous factors such as presence of maternal immunity, prevalence of viruses or other infectious agents in the region, number of reported occurrences of the viruses and other infectious agents, how these agents are spread, and the typical environmental conditions and exposure risk activities of companion animals.

9-10 Weeks Old:

Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV (e.g. Merck Nobivac [Intervet Progard] Puppy DPV)

14-16 Weeks:

Same as above

20 Weeks or Older (if allowable by law):

Rabies

1 Year:

Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV (optional = titer)

1 Year after the initial dose:

Rabies, killed 3-year product (give 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.

Vaccines Not Recommended For Dogs

Distemper & Parvo @ 6 weeks or younger

Not recommended.

At this age, maternal antibodies from the mother's milk (colostrum) will neutralize the vaccine and only 30% for puppies will be protected. 100% will be exposed to the virus at the vet clinic.

Corona

Not recommended.

- 1.) Disease only affects dogs <6 weeks of age.
- 2.) Rare disease: TAMU has seen only one case in seven years.
- 3.) Mild self-limiting disease.
- 4.) Efficacy of the vaccine is questionable.

Leptospirosis

Not recommended

- 1) There are an average of 12 cases reported annually in California.
- 2) Side effects common.
- 3) Most commonly used vaccine contains the wrong serovars. (There is no cross-protection of serovars) There is a new vaccine with 2 new serovars. Two vaccinations twice per year would be required for protection.).
- 4) Risk outweighs benefits.

Lyme

Not recommended

- 1) Side effects common
- 2) 85% of cases are in 9 New England states and Wisconsin.
- 3) Possible side effect of polyarthritis from whole cell bacterin.

Boretella

(Intranasal)

(killed)

Only recommended 3 days prior to boarding **when required**.

Protects against 2 of the possible 8 causes of kennel cough.

Duration of immunity 6 months.

Giardia

Not recommended

Efficacy of vaccine unsubstantiated by independent studies