

Vaccination Facts - Core Vaccines

Canine Distemper (CDV). Distemper is highly contagious and potentially deadly. Within a few weeks, signs of central nervous system involvement occur.

Initial vaccination in puppies less than 16 weeks of age. Starting at 6 weeks, vaccinate every 3 to 4 weeks (6, 10, 14 or 8, 12, 16 weeks) up to 14 or 16 weeks; final shot should be given between 14 and 16 weeks to minimize risk of maternal antibody interference.

Revaccination. For puppies who received initial vaccination series by 16 weeks, a booster no later than 1 year after completion of initial series, then ≥ 3 years thereafter.

Initial vaccination in dogs greater than 16 weeks of age. One dose.

Revaccination. For dogs who received initial vaccination after 16 weeks of age, every ≥ 3 years thereafter

Notes: Among healthy dogs, distemper vaccines are expected to induce immunity for at least 5 years.

Canine Parvo (CPV-2). Parvovirus, which is highly contagious and deadly, is transmitted in feces. The incubation period can be as short as three days. It has its most severe effects among puppies, although it affects all ages. It appears in two forms.

The first has symptoms of loss of appetite, vomiting and severe abdominal pain, followed by high fever and diarrhea. The second manifests itself in puppies less than three months old, which stop nursing and gasp for breath. Death can occur quickly or after a few days.

Both types require quickly consulting your Vet for medical attention. Delays can result in severe dehydration and death. They will hospitalize your dog in all but mild cases. Parvovirus protection should be provided as part of the combination puppy shot. A booster shot is required to maintain immunity.

Initial vaccination in puppies less than 16 weeks of age. Starting at 6 weeks, vaccinate every 3 to 4 weeks (6, 10, 14 or 8, 12, 16 weeks) up to 14 or 16 weeks; final shot should be given between 14 and 16 weeks to minimize risk of maternal antibody interference.

Revaccination. For puppies who received initial vaccination series by 16 weeks, a booster no later than 1 year after completion of initial series, then ≥ 3 years thereafter

Initial vaccination in dogs greater than 16 weeks of age. One dose

Revaccination. For dogs who received initial vaccination after 16 weeks of age, every ≥ 3 years thereafter

Notes: Among healthy dogs, distemper vaccines are expected to induce immunity for at least 5 years.

Canine Adenovirus (CAV-2). Canine Infectious Hepatitis is a very contagious disease that is transmitted only among dogs through contact with urine, stool or saliva. Young puppies experience the more severe cases.

Initial vaccination in puppies less than 16 weeks of age. Starting at 6 weeks, vaccinate every 3 to 4 weeks (6, 10, 14 or 8, 12, 16 weeks) up to 14 or 16 weeks; final shot should be given between 14 and 16 weeks to minimize risk of maternal antibody interference.

Revaccination. For puppies who received initial vaccination series by 16 weeks, a booster no later than 1 year after completion of initial series, then ≥ 3 years thereafter

Initial vaccination in dogs greater than 16 weeks of age. One dose.

Revaccination. For dogs who received initial vaccination after 16 weeks of age, every ≥ 3 years thereafter

Notes: Among healthy dogs, adenovirus vaccines are expected to induce immunity for at least 7 years.

Rabies.

1-year

Initial vaccination in puppies less than 16 weeks of age. One dose not earlier than 12 weeks or as required by law

Initial vaccination in dogs greater than 16 weeks of age. One dose

Revaccination. For all dogs: annually as required by law.

3-year

Initial vaccination in puppies less than 16 weeks of age. One dose not earlier than 12 weeks or as required by law

Initial vaccination in dogs greater than 16 weeks of age. One dose

Revaccination. For all dogs: within 1 year of initial dose regardless of age at time of initial dose, then every 3 years thereafter as required by state law