

Puppy Vaccine Protocol

When it comes to vaccines, there are those we consider “core” vaccines and “lifestyle” vaccines. The core vaccines are the ones which every animal should receive (think of the MMR vaccine in humans), and the “lifestyle” vaccines are given depending on that particular dog’s lifestyle (Do they live in an area with lots of ticks? Do they come into contact with lots of strange dogs? etc.). In puppies, vaccines need to be boosted once or twice in order for that puppy’s immunity to reach adequate levels. Below is a breakdown of the vaccine schedule for young puppies.

CORE VACCINES

- DA2PP (Distemper, Adenovirus type 2, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza)
- Rabies
- Leptospirosis

LIFESTYLE VACCINES

- Bordetella (aka “Kennel Cough” – recommended for dogs that come into contact with lots of strange dogs in places like dog parks, kennels, puppy classes, etc.)
- Lyme Disease (Protects against this disease spread by ticks)

8 weeks

- DA2PP #1

12 weeks

- DA2PP #2
- Leptospirosis #1
- +/- Lyme #1
- +/- Bordetella

16 weeks

- DA2PP (last booster)
- Leptospirosis (last booster)
- Rabies
- +/- Lyme (last booster)

Leptospirosis, Lyme and Bordetella vaccines are due once a year. DA2PP and Rabies are due in a year, and after that year they are due every 3 years.

