



Vaccinations

As a responsible pet owner, vaccinating your dog is imperative. Vaccinations protect your pet from highly contagious and deadly diseases and improve your pet's overall quality of life.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, there are five top reasons for vaccinating your dog:

1. Vaccinations prevent many pet illnesses
2. Vaccinations can help avoid costly treatments for diseases that can be prevented
3. Vaccinations prevent diseases that can be passed between animals and from animals to people
4. Diseases prevalent in wildlife, such as rabies and distemper, can infect unvaccinated pets
5. In many areas, local or state ordinances require certain vaccinations of household pets

Puppies, like children, will receive several sets of vaccination boosters to provide them with as much protection as possible. Adult dogs should be vaccinated every few years for most vaccines, to ensure they stay protected at the proper level of immunity. Your veterinarian will be able to determine a vaccination schedule that's appropriate for your pup.

The vaccinations your dog needs depends on several variables, such as age, overall health, state regulations, and risk of exposure. According to Banfield Pet Hospital, all dogs should receive the following vaccinations:

Distemper/Parvo Combination

This vaccine protects against several potentially fatal diseases.

Rabies

This disease is fatal for all mammals, including humans. These vaccines are very highly recommended and can prevent very serious diseases.

Bordetella: (Kennel Cough)

This vaccine helps prevent or reduce the severity of this serious respiratory infection that can lead to pneumonia.