

Puppy Vaccines

Rabies: The rabies virus is always fatal and attacks the nervous system. It is transmitted chiefly through the bite of an infected animal. Dogs can be vaccinated so sooner than 12 weeks of age. The vaccine is repeated in 1 year, and then given every 3 years. An up to date rabies vaccine is required by the state of Maine for **all** cats and dogs.

Canine Distemper Vaccine: The distemper vaccine is first given at 8 weeks of age. They receive a booster vaccine every 3 to 4 weeks until the puppy is 16 weeks old. The vaccine is repeated in 1 year, and then given every 3 years.

Distemper: a contagious, viral disease that is often fatal. This multi-systemic disease affects the respiratory tract, gastrointestinal tract, skin and central nervous system. All dogs should be vaccinated against distemper.

Parvovirus: a highly contagious disease that is especially dangerous to puppies, however is can affect dogs of all ages. The disease can cause severe dehydration from diarrhea and vomiting.

Parainfluenza: is a cause of infectious tracheobronchitis or kennel cough. Parainfluenza is often a mild respiratory infection in otherwise healthy dogs.

Adenovirus type 2: a cause of respiratory disease in dogs.

Lyme: a tick transmitted disease that can cause fever and joint pain. Puppies should receive their first vaccine at 12 weeks of age. A booster is given at 16 weeks, and then at 10 months. For adult dogs, the lyme vaccine is given yearly.

Leptospirosis: a bacterial infection that can lead to permanent kidney damage. This disease can be spread to other dogs and humans. Dogs come in contact with the bacteria through infected water or urine. Puppies can start this vaccine at 12 weeks, and they receive a booster in 3 to 4 weeks. For adult dogs, the lepto vaccine is given yearly.

Kennel Cough / Bordetella: a bacterial infection that is a cause of respiratory disease in dogs. Vaccination is recommended for dogs that are exposed to other dogs (obedience classes, boarding, daycare, dog parks, and grooming.) The first vaccine is given after 8 weeks. For adult dogs, the vaccine is given yearly.