

Dog Vaccinations

Vaccinations help protect against serious, potentially fatal diseases.

All dogs in the UK should be vaccinated against:

- **Parvovirus**
- **Distemper**
- **Infectious hepatitis**
- **Leptospirosis**

Depending on your dog's lifestyle, they may also need a vaccine for **Kennel Cough (Parainfluenza and Bordetella)** and/or **Rabies** if you plan to travel abroad.

Your dog should receive a full vaccination course as a puppy, then have regular annual boosters throughout their life.

Core vaccinations

- **Parvovirus:**
 - A highly contagious, potentially deadly disease that causes severe vomiting and diarrhoea.
 - After an initial primary course, parvo vaccination is necessary every three years.
- **Distemper:**
 - Is a serious, often fatal disease that affects several different organs in the body including the gastrointestinal tract, heart, immune system, lungs, brain and nerves.
 - After an initial primary course, distemper vaccination is necessary every three years.
- **Infectious Hepatitis:**
 - Is a virus that attacks the liver, kidneys, eyes and blood vessels. Infectious hepatitis spreads in bodily fluids and can survive in the environment for up to a year.
 - After an initial primary course, infectious hepatitis vaccination is necessary every three years.
- **Leptospirosis:**
 - Is a bacterial disease that causes serious illness by damaging vital organs such as the liver and kidneys. Humans can also get leptospirosis (Weil's disease).
 - We use the Nobivac Lepto 4 vaccine which covers against four strains of leptospirosis rather than two as we feel this provides more comprehensive cover.
 - After an initial primary course, leptospirosis vaccination is necessary every year.



Other vaccines

- **Parainfluenza and Bordetella (Kennel cough):**

- Is recommended if your dog mixes with a lot of other dogs, or has a health condition that could make kennel cough more serious.
- It's usually a requirement if your dog spends time in kennels, doggy day care, has a dog walker, or attends dog events and shows.
- We would recommend giving this as standard with the other core vaccines as it is so contagious.
- It is most often given as an intranasal vaccine.
- Kennel cough vaccination should be given each year your dog is at risk.

(Please note, this is a live vaccine so immunosuppressed humans should not be in contact with the dog for 6 weeks afterwards due to the risk of virus shedding).

- **Rabies:**

- Is necessary for dogs that travel in and out of the UK.
- Rabies vaccination is given every one to three years (depending on the vaccine).

To book in for your pet in for a health check, please call us on 01423 228080 or visit www.clarohillvets.co.uk