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# Canine Vaccination Guidelines

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## **DHLPP-C**

### **Distemper, Hepatitis, Lepto, Parainfluenza, Parvo-Corona**

Vaccination is highly recommended for all dogs between six (6) and eight (8) weeks of age followed by a booster every three (3) to four (4) weeks until sixteen (16) weeks of age. A booster should be given once a year, every year thereafter.

## **Rabies**

Vaccination can be given at sixteen (16) weeks of age, then again in one year, and every three years thereafter.

## **Bordetella**

Vaccination is recommended for dogs at risk of exposure (those who may be entering a multi-dog environment, e.g. boarding). It is recommended that dogs receive the first vaccination at eight (8) weeks or older and repeated at a minimum of every (6) months, as long as the dog is in or will be entering a multiple dog environment.

## **Vaccination Reactions**

Some dogs may experience mild to severe vaccine reactions. Mild reactions include pain at the injection site, lethargy, loss of appetite, and the occasional swelling of the face or ears. If these occur Benadryl can be given: 25mg of Benadryl once every 12 hours for dogs less than 40 pounds, and 50mg of Benadryl once every 12 hours for dogs over 50 pounds. Severe reactions include trouble breathing, major swelling, collapse, and loss of appetite for 2 or more days. If these occur seek veterinary care immediately.