

Puppy Vaccination

Dunmuir Veterinary Group recommends:

Vaccinations are normally started at 8 weeks of age, starting earlier means your puppy will need three injections rather than two.

1st Vaccination – Nobivac DHPPiL

2nd Vaccination two weeks later – Nobivac DHPPiL

Puppies can mix outdoors two weeks after the second vaccination. It is ok for them to mix indoors or in a private garden with vaccinated dogs from any age.



What does the vaccine protect against?

Canine Distemper- also known as "hard pad" most commonly affects dogs under one year old and is transmitted by inhalation during close contact. Clinical signs include vomiting and diarrhoea, thickening of the pads, eye and nose discharge and various nervous signs including twitching and seizures. Distemper is rare (mainly due to the increased use of vaccination) but is extremely difficult to treat and often fatal.

Canine Hepatitis- again, most commonly affects dogs under a year old and transmitted by close contact. This virus attacks the liver and can be rapidly fatal.

Canine Parvovirus- generally affects dogs under a year old but any unvaccinated animal is at risk. It is transmitted via infected faeces and can be carried on shoes and clothing. Parvovirus causes severe, bloody vomiting and diarrhoea which can rapidly lead to dehydration and death.

Canine Parainfluenza Virus- can affect any unvaccinated dog although usually younger animals. It causes coughing and fever and is transmitted by close contact with other infected dogs.

Leptospirosis- affects all ages of dogs and is transmitted via the urine of infected dogs and rats. The bacteria can also live in water infested with rats. Leptospirosis damages the liver and kidneys and can be fatal. Humans can also become infected via contaminated urine.

Booster Vaccinations

The first booster vaccination is due one year after the primary course and every year thereafter. Leptospirosis and Parainfluenza vaccine is given every year and Nobivac DHPPiL given every three years, i.e.

1st annual booster- Nobivac DHPPiL

2nd annual booster- PiL

3rd annual booster- PiL

4th annual booster- DHPPiL

Kennel Cough Vaccine

Kennel cough affects all ages of dogs and is transmitted by close contact especially in boarding kennels and dog shows. It causes a very harsh dry cough which dogs usually recover from within a week.

Vaccination is required by boarding kennels and should be administered at least 72 hours before any high risk periods. The vaccine is given up the nose and should be repeated annually. It can be given at the same time as the other annual booster.

