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CANINE VACCINATION RECOMMENDATIONS

All dogs should be vaccinated against the following diseases: canine distemper, infectious canine hepatitis, respiratory disease cause by adenovirus type 2, canine parainfluenza, canine parvovirus and Rabies.

Puppies usually receive a series of vaccines against all of these diseases (with the exception of Rabies). Puppies less than 12 weeks of age should be vaccinated every 2 to 3 weeks with the final booster being given at 16 weeks of age or older. Puppies 13 weeks of age or older and adult dogs with no previous history of vaccination should receive a series of two vaccines at an interval of 2 to 3 weeks. Annual revaccination is recommended.

All dogs should be vaccinated against rabies with the first vaccine being given any time after 12 weeks of age. At the present time, rabies vaccines given to a dog less than one year of age or to an adult dog with no previous history of vaccine is approved for one year. For dogs that have been previously vaccinated, the vaccine is approved for three years.

A vaccine is available to help prevent Bordetella infection, which is one of the major agents responsible for the kennel cough complex. This vaccine is recommended for dogs going to kennels, dog shows, groomers and obedience classes. For maximum protection, the vaccine should be given at least one to two weeks before possible exposure (i.e. going to a kennel). Dogs can be revaccinated annually.

A Lyme disease vaccine is available for dogs over 9 weeks of age. This vaccine is recommended for dogs at risk of acquiring Lyme disease (i.e. dogs exposed to ticks). Dogs should initially receive 2 doses two to three weeks apart. Annual revaccination is recommended.

Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease that is carried by common wildlife and rodents. This disease causes high fever, jaundice, vomiting, and in severe cases, fatal liver and kidney damage. Canine leptospirosis is a dangerous threat to dogs and a potential threat to humans. We recommend this vaccine for our canine patients. However, if your dog has ever had a reaction to a vaccine in the past, notify your veterinarian before this vaccine is administered. The vaccine is given as two initial doses two to three weeks apart. Annual revaccination is recommended.