



Vaccinating your Dog

At Lanes Vets we believe that vaccination is an essential part of keeping your dog well. Vaccination protects against a number of life threatening diseases, including Parvovirus, Distemper, Hepatitis and Leptospirosis. There is no treatment for many of these diseases and they often prove fatal, vaccination provides a simple form of protection.

We also recommend vaccinating against Kennel Cough. Don't let the name fool you; Kennel Cough is more likely to be caught from the park or training classes rather than kennels. Although this infection is not often fatal, it is extremely unpleasant for the dog and it is also highly contagious meaning your dog will have to be kept away from parks and other animals while affected.

Rabies are essential if your dog is travelling abroad, please also see the Pet Passport information sheet.

Vaccinating your dog regularly is very important. We perform health checks at vaccination appointments so that we can pick up on any problems at an early stage and make sure that your dog stays well.

How are vaccines given to my dog?

The majority of vaccines are given by injection under the skin; most dogs do not seem to object to this. Kennel Cough vaccination is given as drops up the nose. Following vaccination some animals may be a little lethargic for 24 hours but side effects are rare.

When should I bring my dog for vaccination?

We recommend all dogs are vaccinated as puppies but it is never too late to start a vaccine course to protect your pet.

Puppies can be vaccinated from 8 weeks old with follow on vaccines 2 weeks and then 4 weeks later. Puppies can go out on pavements after the third vaccine but need to be kept away from anywhere there might be rats such as water courses like rivers and canals, for a further two weeks.

Booster vaccinations for Leptospirosis should be given yearly because Leptospirosis vaccine loses its immunity quickly. The other parts of the vaccines are given every 3rd year after the initial booster as the immunity lasts longer and we do not want to over vaccinate.

Kennel cough boosters are given yearly and can be done in the same appointment as other vaccines.

Rabies vaccines for dogs travelling abroad are given every 3 years.

More about the Diseases.

Canine Parvovirus is a contagious viral disease causing severe vomiting and diarrhoea often with blood present. This disease is often fatal because it is most common in young unvaccinated puppies. It is less severe in older dogs but can cause deformities in unborn puppies if the mother catches the virus while pregnant. We see cases of Parvovirus at Lanes Vets each year so it is a significant threat to your pet if they are not vaccinated.

Canine Infectious Hepatitis is a virus, which causes liver failure. Infection with this virus is very often fatal in adult dogs as well as puppies. Vaccination provides excellent immunity.

Canine Distemper is a virus, which affects the lungs and brain causing coughing, nasal discharge, vomiting, diarrhoea and fits. Dogs are very ill with this disease and many will die, those that recover are left with on-going illnesses for the rest of their lives.

Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease usually spread by rat urine, so dogs going into ponds or ditches are more at risk. Leptospirosis causes jaundice with liver failure and kidney failure. This disease can be a problem in people as well.

Rabies is a viral infection and is not present in this country. If your dog is travelling abroad it is a legal requirement to have a rabies vaccine every three years.

Pet Health Plans

At Lanes Vets we provide the option of joining our VIP Pet Health Plan. The plan allows you to spread the cost of vaccination, worming and flea control over 12 months, as a direct debit. Please ask for details.

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