

Recommended Vaccination Schedules

Puppies:

DA2P, Parvo: Starting at 6-8 weeks of age, for a series of 4 vaccines 3-4 weeks apart.

Leptospirosis: Starting at 12-14 weeks of age, for a series of 2 vaccines 3-4 weeks apart (dogs that will be over 25 pounds)

Rabies: Given at 3-4 months of age. First vaccine good for one year.

Bordetella: Starting any time after 6 weeks of age, for a series of 2 vaccines 3-4 weeks apart. Recommended before social situations such as boarding, grooming, and puppy classes.

Worming: Starting at 6-8 weeks of age every 3-4 weeks during puppy shot series.

Heartworm: Start prevention monthly at 6-8 weeks of age. Heartworm test at 1 year of age.

Adult Dogs:

DA2P, Parvo, Rabies: Booster at 1 year and then every 3 years after that.

Bordetella: Booster at 1 year and then every 6 months - 1 year after that, depending on exposure factors.

Leptospirosis: Booster at 1 year and then every year after that for dogs at risk.

Heartworm: Continue monthly prevention, test at 1 year of age and then yearly after that.

Intestinal Parasite: Check stool sample every year for microscopic parasites.

Wellness blood screen: Recommended during yearly physical to determine function of internal organs and processes.

Kittens:

FVRCP: Starting at 6-8 weeks for a series of 3 vaccines, 3-4 weeks apart.

Leukemia: Starting at 8-12 weeks for a series of 2 vaccines 3-4 weeks apart.

Rabies: Given at 3-4 months of age. First vaccine good for one year.

Leukemia, AIDS testing: Recommended between 2-4 months of age.

Heartworm: Start Revolution® for fleas, ticks, ear mites, intestinal parasites, and Heartworm prevention monthly.

Intestinal Parasite: Worming starting at 6-8 weeks of age 2-3 times.

Adult Cats:

FVRCP: Booster at 1 year of age, and then every 3 years after that.

Leukemia: Booster every year depending on exposure factors.

Rabies: Booster at 1 year of age, and then every 3 years after that.

Heartworm: Continue Revolution® every month.

Intestinal Parasite: Check stool sample yearly for cats that venture outdoors.

Vaccination Guide



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Vaccines

For Dogs

DA2P: (Distemper, Adenovirus, Para-Influenza) Viruses that attack the upper respiratory system, and intestinal tract, most often in puppies. Distemper can be fatal, and if not, effects can last throughout life. These viruses are transmitted in the air and environment.

Parvovirus: Serious, easy to contract virus that attacks the intestinal tract of puppies and unvaccinated adults. Parvo is often fatal if left untreated and usually requires multiple days of hospitalization. Parvovirus is passed through infected stool, and lives in the environment for up to one year.

Leptospirosis: Bacteria found in water that attacks the liver and kidneys. This disease can be fatal if not detected and treated early, and can also be transmitted to people. Not recommended for dogs under 25 pounds.

Bordetella: (Kennel Cough) Upper respiratory infection caused by airborne bacteria. Swift Creek recommends this vaccine for any dog that is around other unknown dogs, such as boarding or grooming environments.

Lyme: If your dog is exposed to ticks, we recommend discussing this vaccine with your veterinarian .

Rabies: Fatal neurological disease transmitted by the saliva of infected mammals. Vaccine is 100% effective and required by law for your pets protection and ours.

Heartworm: Transmitted by infected mosquitoes, heartworm disease presents a significant problem in Virginia's mild climate. Once a month heartworm prevention is recommended as well as once a year testing. A simple blood test can check for Heartworm, Lymes, and Ehrlichia; two tick borne diseases.

For Cats

FVRCP-C: (Rhino, Calici, Panlukupenia, Chlamydia) Viruses that are airborne which attack the upper respiratory and intestinal tract of unprotected cats. Swift Creek recommends vaccination of all cats regardless of exposure factors, since these viruses can be transmitted on clothes and other items.

Leukemia: Spread through intimate contact from cat to cat. Leukemia attacks the immune system and bone marrow of cats. This vaccine is recommended yearly for any cat coming in contact with outdoor cats.

Rabies: Fatal neurological disease transmitted by the saliva of infected mammals. Vaccine is 100% effective and required by law for your pets protection, as well as ours.

FIP: Feline Infections Peritonitis is transmitted by intimate contact with other cats. Vaccination is not recommended as the vaccines effectiveness is questionable.

FIV: Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (Feline AIDS) is transmitted by intimate contact with other cats. FIV affects 5% of the cat population and is more prevalent in un-neutered male cats. Vaccination is not recommended as the vaccines effectiveness is questionable.

Feline Leukemia / FIV test: Swift Creek recommends testing for Leukemia and Feline AIDS as a kitten. Testing is also recommended for all sick cats to determine if either disease is playing a role in illness. Symptoms of these diseases are broad and can have wide range of affects on their system.

Heartworm: Because just one heartworm can be fatal in cats, year round prevention is recommended for both indoor and outdoor cats.



Precautions

What are the risks associated with vaccines?

Any foreign substance introduced into the body has the potential to illicit a reaction. Although rare, these reactions range from local swelling to anaphylactic shock. Most reactions are limited to loss of appetite or local swelling at the injection site. Swift Creek Animal Hospital will recommend the best protocol of prevention based on your pets exposure factors. In this way we can limit the incidence of vaccine related reactions, while protecting your pets from serious disease.

A special note on cats...

Cats can have a very rare and specific type of reaction related to vaccines. Aggressive tumors known as a fibrosarcomas can form at the vaccination site. These tumors are rare, affecting about 1 in 100,000 cats. The risk of contracting disease is much greater than the risk of vaccine related cancer at this time. Vaccines given at Swift Creek Animal Hospital, have no chemical additives which have been linked to increased incidence of these tumors.