



## Canine Preventable Diseases

Regular physical examinations and vaccinations can help your puppy live a healthy, happy life. You can protect your pet from the following common infectious diseases by following your veterinarian's recommended immunization schedule.

### Distemper

A highly contagious virus that affects a dog's respiratory, gastrointestinal, and nervous systems. Often fatal, Canine Distemper Virus can cause vomiting, diarrhea, pneumonia, and severe brain damage. The distemper virus generally spreads as an airborne infection, so vaccination is the only effective control. Your puppy should be vaccinated at 6 weeks, 12 weeks, 16 weeks, and then once a year.

### Hepatitis

A viral disease that affects the liver and cells lining the blood vessels, causing high fever, edema, and hemorrhage. Hepatitis may lead to severe liver damage. This disease is very serious in puppies and aged dogs. Your puppy should be vaccinated at 6 weeks, 12 weeks, 16 weeks, and then once a year.

### Leptospirosis

An extremely contagious disease that spreads through contact and nasal secretion, urine or saliva of infected animals. Leptospirosis causes inflamed kidneys, fever, vomiting, and diarrhea. It is a bacterial infection that often leads to permanent kidney and liver damage. Your puppy should be vaccinated at 16 weeks.

### Coronavirus

A highly contagious viral infection of the gastrointestinal tract. Clinical symptoms include: Vomiting, diarrhea, high fever, and dehydration. Asymptomatic form can lead to severe damage and secondary infections. Your puppy should be vaccinated at 6 weeks, 9 weeks, 12 weeks, and 16 weeks.

### Parvovirus

A highly contagious viral infection spread by contact with virus infected secretions. This disease strikes quickly, causing serious damage to the lining of the gastrointestinal tract, severe vomiting, diarrhea, and can cause immediate death, in some cases. Your puppy should be vaccinated at 6 weeks, 9 weeks, 12 weeks, 16 weeks, and then once a year.

### Parainfluenza

One of the most common respiratory infections in the dog. Signs include: Cough, nasal discharge, and flu-like illness. Your puppy should be vaccinated at 6 weeks, 9 weeks, 12 weeks, 16 weeks, and then once a year.

### Rabies

A fatal viral infection of the central nervous system that affects mammals, including humans. It is spread through the saliva of a rabid animal. Rabies vaccinations are required in most states. Your puppy should be vaccinated at 16 weeks and then once a year.

### Infectious Canine Tracheobronchitis (Kennel Cough)

A highly contagious disease that spreads via contact or airborne transmission. The disease attacks the respiratory system. Signs include: Cough, nasal discharge, and flu-like illness. Your puppy should be vaccinated at 12 weeks, 16 weeks and then once a year.