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 The medical merit of routine annual boosters for common canine and feline diseases is being questioned, as is the practice of vaccinating for diseases that pose little, if any, risk to the animal being immunized. Because vaccination is a medical and not economic procedure, we recommend that vaccines be administered according to medical criteria including the risk of infection and lifestyle as well as age of animal. The most important vaccinations are for puppyhood and kittenhood diseases. These are called “core” vaccines.

**RECOMMENDED CANINE VACCINATION SCHEDULE**

**DHPP** = Puppies should receive DHPP vaccinations at 3-4 week intervals beginning as early as 6 weeks, and extending through 16 weeks. Adult dogs with no known vaccination history should be boosted with two injections of DHPP. The above vaccination schedule for puppies as well as adult dogs should be followed by a DHPP booster one year later, then a DHPP booster every three years thereafter. This is a **core** vaccine.

**RABIES =** Puppies should receive a Rabies vaccine at 16 weeks of age and a Rabies booster one year later. Following this booster, the law requires revaccination every three years.
Adult dogs with no vaccination history should follow the same vaccine regime as puppies. This is a **core** vaccine.

**BORDATELLA** = Bordatella (kennel cough) vaccine should be used in kennel or groomer situations where a problem may exist. One dose gives protection in 2-7 days. This vaccine must be administered intra nasally every six to twelve months. This **is not a core** vaccine.

**LEPTOSPIROSIS** =This vaccine should be given to country dogs or dogs that are around livestock or wildlife. It should be given to puppies starting at 12 weeks and boosted at 16 weeks then boosted every year for at risk dogs. This **is not a** **core** vaccine.

**RECOMMENDED FELINE VACCINATION SCHEDULE**

**FVRCP** = Kittens should receive FVRCP vaccinations at 3-4 week intervals beginning as early as 6 weeks , and extending through 16 weeks. Adult cats with no known vaccination history should receive 2 doses of FVRCP given 3-4 weeks apart. A booster should follow one year later, then at three year intervals. This is a **core** vaccine.

**FELV** (Feline Leukemia) = Kittens should receive 2 doses of the FELV vaccine. The first dose should be given at 9 weeks of age and followed by a second dose 3-4 weeks later. Boosters should be given yearly. FELV is not recommended for those cats kept strictly indoors. This is **not a core** vaccine.

**RABIES** = Rabies vaccination is recommended for all cats. The vaccine regime is initial immunization at 16 weeks, then a booster one year later, and subsequent re-vaccination at one year intervals. This is a **core** vaccine.

Regardless of the three year vaccination regime, a general wellness examination of the patient should be done yearly and should include a thorough history, a physical examination, appropriate diagnostic testing, and discussions with the doctor regarding nutrition, diet, weight control etc. California state law requires us to see your pet at least once a year to refill prescriptions and maintain a doctor patient relationship.