

Dog Vaccination Information Sheet



Vaccinating your dog is a crucial part of responsible pet ownership in Australia. It helps protect your canine companion from potentially serious and preventable diseases. Here's important information about dog vaccinations specific to Australia:

1. Core Vaccines (minimum C5 vaccination):

Core vaccines are recommended for all dogs in Australia and protect against common and potentially severe diseases (vaccinations will NOT eliminate the risk of contracting viruses and diseases):

- **Canine Parvovirus Vaccine:** This vaccine provides protection against parvovirus, which can cause severe gastrointestinal and systemic illness in dogs.
- **Canine Distemper Vaccine:** Canine distemper is a highly contagious viral disease that affects a dog's respiratory, gastrointestinal, and nervous systems.
- **Canine Hepatitis (Adenovirus) Vaccine:** This vaccine protects against infectious canine hepatitis, which can cause liver and eye damage.
- **Canine Cough Vaccine:** Mandatory for pet care facilities. It protects against Bordetella bronchiseptica and Canine Parainfluenza virus.

2. Optional or Non-Core Vaccines:

Non-core vaccines are recommended based on your dog's lifestyle, geographical location, and individual risk factors. These may include:

- **Canine Leptospirosis Vaccine:** Recommended for dogs in regions with a high prevalence of leptospirosis or those with potential exposure to contaminated water sources.
- **Canine Coronavirus Vaccine:** May be considered in specific situations, such as for puppies in high-risk environments.

3. Puppy Vaccination Schedule:

Puppies in Australia require a series of vaccinations to build immunity:

- The first C3 vaccination is typically administered at 6-8 weeks of age.
- Boosters are given at 12 weeks and 16 weeks of age.

4. Adult Dog Vaccination Schedule:

Adult dogs should receive regular booster shots:

- **C3** boosters are recommended every year or 3 yearly, depending on the drug administered.
- **C5** vaccine should be administered annually. Minimum requirement for boarding

5. Consultation with a Veterinarian:

Consult your veterinarian to create a vaccination schedule tailored to your dog's specific health, lifestyle, and location factors. They can help you determine the most appropriate vaccination plan.

6. Vaccine Side Effects:

Most dogs tolerate vaccinations well, but some may experience mild side effects like lethargy or temporary soreness at the injection site. Serious adverse reactions are rare but can include allergic reactions. Report any unusual symptoms to your veterinarian.

7. Record Keeping:

Maintain a detailed record of your dog's vaccinations, including dates, vaccine types, and batch numbers. This information is crucial for tracking booster schedules and complying with local regulations.

By staying informed about dog vaccinations and working closely with your veterinarian, you can help ensure your dog leads a healthy and happy life, free from preventable diseases. Regular vaccinations are an essential part of responsible pet ownership in Australia.

*It is a legal requirement that all pets entering a pet care facility be fully vaccinated. The minimum requirement for dogs is a C5 Vaccine (Canine Distemper, Canine Infectious Hepatitis, and Canine Parvovirus Bordetella and Canine parainfluenza virus).