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## Wellness and Vaccines

Just like people, pets should have annual wellness exams by a veterinarian, routine testing and vaccines to prevent disease. Puppies and kittens do not develop lasting immunity to infectious disease until their immune systems mature at about 12 weeks of age. Booster vaccines are given to temporarily protect them from common viruses starting at 6-8 weeks of age and continue until 16 weeks of age to provide full immune response and protection from these diseases.

### Puppies and Dogs

**Bordetella Vaccine:** Initial vaccine is given to puppies at 6-8 weeks of age. Then given every 6 months to protect against Kennel Cough. Required for most grooming and boarding facilities.

**DA2P-PV Vaccine:** A vaccine combination for puppies protecting against Distemper, Adenovirus type 2, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus. This vaccine is first given around 6-8 weeks of age. Booster doses of this vaccine are given to puppies every 2-3 weeks until 16 weeks of age. Another booster dose is given around 14 months (one year after final puppy booster vaccine), then the vaccine is given every 3 years.

**Leptospira Vaccine:** Initial vaccine is given to puppies around 12 weeks of age. One additional booster dose is given 2-3 weeks following the initial dose. This vaccine is administered annually. Provides protection against a bacteria found in standing water or excreted in the urine of local wildlife.

**Rabies Vaccine:** A vaccine and county license are required by law. Rabies can be transmitted to any mammal, including people. The virus is often fatal if acquired and treatment is delayed. An initial vaccine is given once to puppies between 12 and 16 weeks of age. An annual booster dose is given the first year, then a booster dose is given every 3 years.

### Kittens and Cats

**FVRCP Vaccine:** A vaccine combination for kittens that protects against feline viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, and Panleukopenia. This vaccine is first given around 6-8 weeks of age. Booster doses of this vaccine are given to kittens every 2-3 weeks until 16 weeks of age. Another booster dose is given around 14 months (one year after final kitten booster vaccine), then the vaccine is given every 3 years.

**FeLV Vaccine:** Initial vaccine is given to kittens around 12 weeks of age. One additional booster dose is given 2-3 weeks following the initial dose. This vaccine provides protection against feline leukemia. Any kittens or cats that go outdoors should be given a booster vaccine annually.

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