

## Puppy Vaccination Schedule

## American Kennel Club Recommendations:

The first thing to know is that there is not just one puppy vaccination schedule for all dogs. Factors such as which part of the country you live in and your dog's individual risk factors will come into play. Some dogs do not need every vaccine. This decision is between you and your veterinarian. Always discuss puppy vaccinations at your regularly scheduled appointments. Check with your Veterinarian as to the adult immunization schedule for your area.

Puppy's Age	Recommended Vaccinations	Optional Vaccinations
6 – 8 weeks	Distemper, measles, parainfluenza	Bordetella
10 – 12 weeks	DHPP (vaccines for distemper, adenovirus [hepatitis], parainfluenza, and parvovirus)	Coronavirus, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease
12 – 24 weeks	Rabies	none
14 – 16 weeks	DHPP	Coronavirus, Lyme disease, Leptospirosis
12 – 16 months	Rabies, DHPP	Coronavirus, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease

# CORE VS NON-CORE VACCINES: WHAT DOES YOUR DOG NEED?

Core vaccines are the ones most vets recommend your dog should have as a puppy. These vaccines all protect against dangerous viral diseases, and they are:



**RABIES**



**DISTEMPER**



**PARVOVIRUS**



**ADENOVIRUS**  
(CANINE HEPATITIS)

Several of the non-core vaccines (Bordetella, Lyme and Leptospirosis) are bacterial vaccines. Bacterial vaccines have low efficacy rates coupled with high incidence of adverse reactions. This means they should rarely be used, and then, only after careful consideration of all the risks of vaccinating vs not vaccinating against these diseases. The Non-Core vaccines include:



**Bordetella**



**Lyme Disease**



**Leptospirosis 4-way**

(this is sometimes included in combination vaccines with core vaccines, but it is a non-core vaccine and should be considered separately)



**Canine Influenza**



**Parainfluenza**



**Adenovirus Intranasal**

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Always consult your veterinarian!