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Veterinary surgery

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Vaccinations - Dog

For a new puppy the ideal starting age is 6-8 weeks with a second dose at 10-12 weeks. An older dog that is beginning a vaccination course can start at any time with the second dose given 2-4 weeks later. Your pet does not achieve full immunity until one week after the second dose.

All boosters (necessary to keep up the immunity) are given one year from the date of the second starting dose.

We are open seven days per week. Call us to book an appointment and for price

WHY DO YOU OFFER CHOICES?

Our vets will advise you on what is best for your dog's lifestyle. Multi-dog households, roaming dogs and breeding dogs may need to be protected against diseases that single dogs may not need. This is an entirely individually based assessment and you benefit from a thorough examination of your pet and consultation with the vet to decide together the best course of action for your own dog.

WHAT ARE THE DISEASES?

Here is a list of diseases we can vaccinate your dog against.

LEPTOSPIROSIS

There are two types we vaccinate against. Symptoms include, jaundice, vomiting and diarrhoea resulting in death. It is treatable in the early stages but results in lasting kidney damage.

DISTEMPER

This causes runny nose and eyes, coughing, diarrhoea, fits and death. This is transmitted by contact with infected dogs, their environment and airborne particles. It is usually fatal to puppies and older dogs.

HEPATITIS (canine adenovirus)

There are two types of hepatitis we vaccinate against. Symptoms include jaundice, vomiting and diarrhoea. It usually results in death. We can treat it but the survivors have resulting liver damage. It is highly contagious, but not to humans, only dog to dog and caught by inhalation or ingestion.

PARVO VIRUS

There has recently been a new strain of parvo virus identified as well as the strain that has been around for a while. We can protect against both. They cause offensive

smelling diarrhoea with internal bleeding and heart damage. The end result is death. We can treat this effectively with Interferon but it is one of the most costly drugs we use, each dose costing £1,000.

PARAINFLUENZA

This is also known as tracheobronchitis infecting the upper respiratory tract. It causes coughing and gagging. It can be mild but is more serious in young and old dogs. It is more commonly seen in crowded and stressful environments. There is no specific treatment.

KENNEL COUGH

This is caused by parainfluenza or bordetella bronchiseptica bacteria. Your dog will have part protection from this if it is vaccinated against parainfluenza in with the usual dog vaccine. It needs extra protection with this specific kennel cough vaccine if it is exposed to kennel cough. It is highly contagious. The symptoms are a hacking cough. This is treatable but can result in pneumonia. This vaccination is given up the nose and not by injection.

CORONA VIRUS

This causes diarrhoea. 75% of cases of diarrhoea have been found to be due to corona virus. This is a new vaccine we can give. It is transmitted by contact with an infected animal or its faeces. Its symptoms can be confused with parvo-virus, including, lethargy, dehydration, lack of appetite and smelly diarrhoea.

HERPES VIRUS

This affects pregnant bitches and the pups. It can result in small litter sizes and weak puppies. This only manifests in the bitch when she is pregnant. It causes early puppy death, infertility and abortions. It is caught during mating, from airborne sources and from contaminated objects.

WHY DO VACCINATIONS WORK?

Your dog receives a dose of vaccine which stimulates the immune system to protect it against the disease. The body produces antibodies, proteins that recognise a disease causing agent and alert the body to destroy it before it takes hold. We have chosen a new vaccine which is non-live that it is very safe giving no adverse reactions. It is up to date against the new strains of the diseases and viruses we look to protect against. Our kennel cough vaccine also has a 12 month booster due date rather than the old 6 month booster due date. You can individually protect your dog but also the more people who choose to have their dog vaccinated, the better for the whole canine community. This is why we have kept our fees low to encourage people to vaccinate. We have also chosen this specific type of vaccine to give the best safety and efficacy.