

Care Guides

Routine Vaccinations Care Guide

Routine vaccinations will prevent your pet becoming infected by common infectious diseases. For all species, Rabies vaccines are only required for travel abroad as the UK is Rabies free.

Dogs

Dogs are routinely vaccinated against:

Parvovirus

Distemper

Leptospirosis

Infectious canine hepatitis

- Puppies require two injections 4 weeks apart ideally at 8 and 12 weeks of age, although they can be vaccinated from 6 weeks of age.
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- Your dog should then receive an annual booster vaccination. This is also a good opportunity for us to give your dog a thorough health check.
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- If your dog has not received a vaccination for over 18 months, then we advise your dog has a repeat course of two vaccinations given four weeks apart.
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- Kennel cough is an additional vaccination that covers against Bordetella and Parainfluenza which is often advised should your dog have regular contact with others. Many boarding kennels will insist that your dog has received the vaccination before boarding. This vaccine should be given 3 weeks before the expected exposure to kennel cough.

Cats

Cats are vaccinated against:

Feline flu

Feline enteritis

- We can also vaccinate against feline leukaemia virus. This is particularly recommended if you live in a built up area where your cat may be in contact with lots of other cats.
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- Kittens are vaccinated at 9 and 12 weeks, followed by annual booster vaccinations thereafter.
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- If your cat hasn't received a vaccination for over 18 months we would advise giving a course of two vaccinations, three weeks apart.

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Rabbits

Rabbits can be vaccinated against two diseases:

Myxomatosis **Viral Haemorrhagic Disease**

- The vaccine we routinely use will provide immunity against both diseases for one year. Young rabbits require just one vaccination, with an annual booster to maintain protection.