

Vaccinating Your Puppy

Why do we give vaccinations?

Vaccinations are injections we give to puppies as a scientifically proven way to protect our loved ones against potentially fatal diseases. They work in the same way as the vaccinations we give to children and are just as important.

How do vaccinations work?

The injection we give contains a very small amount of the disease virus or bacteria which has either been killed or microscopically modified so it cannot harm our puppies. This stimulates the puppy's immune system to build an army of dedicated immune cells that are ready to fight off the real disease should it ever try to infect your loved one.

What do we vaccinate for?

At Ryedale Vets we routinely vaccinate puppies against:

Distemper, Infectious Hepatitis, Parvovirus and Leptospirosis

When should we give vaccinations?

If your puppy is under 10 weeks of age when we start their course of vaccinations, they will need 3 injections. The second injection will be done 2 weeks after the first and the third injection will be 4 weeks after the first.

If your puppy is over 10 weeks of age when we start their course of vaccinations, they will need 2 injections. Their second injection will be 4 weeks after their first.

Should puppies go out for walks before their first course of vaccinations?

Until your puppy completes their course of vaccination injections, they are at risk of contracting the harmful diseases. Please ask our vets about when and where your puppy can go while they are in the initial vaccination course period.

Should we vaccinate against Kennel Cough as well?

Kennel Cough very contagious infection spread between dogs that causes severe coughing. The name is misleading because the disease is not only confined to kennels. It can easily be picked up from meeting infected dogs while out and about. It is advisable for all puppies to have this vaccination to protect them when they're at a vulnerable stage of their life.

The Kennel Cough vaccination does not require an injection – the vet simply drips the harmless vaccination fluid into the puppy's nostrils.
Should we give annual boosters against these diseases as well?

Yes! The vaccines we give are designed to protect your puppy for a certain length of time. To keep your puppy fully protected they will need an annual booster vaccine every year for the rest of their life. Missing these booster vaccines will put your puppy at risk of contracting these devastating diseases.

