

Vaccinations and Health Checks

We recommend and provide annual health checks for all pets. In most cases vaccinations are also required. These are given only after a full clinical examination.

Vaccines are given only when required and to help prevent fatal diseases. Killed vaccines such as Leptospirosis vaccines must be repeated annually as the immunity from them is not long-lasting.

The consultation and examination is also an opportunity to discuss any other concerns you may have with your pet's care.

Dog Vaccinations

Dogs require yearly vaccines against Leptospirosis (rat and water borne disease that causes jaundice and death) and Parainfluenza (causes cough and pneumonia).

They require vaccines every third year against Distemper (causes pneumonia and brain damage), Viral Hepatitis (liver failure) and Parvovirus (causes severe bloody diarrhoea).

Puppies are initially vaccinated with 2 doses given at 8 and 10 weeks of age. They are then fully protected from 12 weeks of age until they receive their first booster 1 year later.

We also recommend that you consider vaccination against Bordetella, a cause of kennel cough. This annual vaccination is recommended for all dogs that mix with many other dogs such as those going to be groomed, kennelled or shown.

Cat Vaccinations

Every year your cat should be vaccinated to protect it against cat 'flu (feline herpes virus and feline calicivirus), feline enteritis, and feline leukaemia virus. As cats get older our modern feline enteritis vaccine is now given every third year, but the cat flu vaccines still only have proven immunity for 1 year.

Kittens are initially vaccinated with 2 doses given at 9 and 12 weeks of age. They are then fully protected a week later. They should get their first booster vaccine 1 year later.

We also offer a vaccine against Bordetella in cats. Bordetella causes respiratory disease similar to cat 'flu. The vaccine offers 1 years protection against this disease and is given into your cat's nose. We recommend this vaccine if you have 3 or more cats or if your cats regularly go to cattery.

Rabbit Vaccinations

Every 6 months your rabbit should be vaccinated to protect it against Myxomatosis (a fatal disease causing swellings around the eyes) and viral haemorrhagic disease (a contagious disease causing sudden death).

A single initial dose of each vaccine is required, followed by annual booster vaccinations for viral haemorrhagic disease and 6 monthly for Myxomatosis.

We regularly see cases of Myxomatosis in pet rabbits and sadly treatment rarely works. We strongly advise that you get your rabbit protected if it is not already!

Click here to visit <http://www.future-of-vaccination.co.uk/> for information on the importance of correct vaccination.