

## Yearly Vaccinations Required

If you are not sure if your pet is current on any of these vaccinations, please contact your veterinarian and have the most recent vaccination records faxed or mailed to you prior to our initial consultation.

### Dogs

#### Rabies (For cats & dogs)

Of all animal diseases, rabies is probably the most feared. The rabies virus attacks the brain and is always fatal. Most pets are exposed to rabies by bites from wild animals particularly skunks, raccoons, bats and foxes. The disease can be transmitted to humans through the bite or scratch of an infected pet. Vaccination of all dogs and cats is the most effective means of control.

#### Canine Distemper

This *highly contagious* viral disease is found wherever dogs are found. It affects the respiratory and nervous system and is often fatal. Primary vaccination should begin at 6-12 weeks of age since dogs often contract the disease at an early age.

#### Canine Adenovirus Type 2

Canine Adenovirus Type 2 can be a complicating factor in kennel cough. Vaccines are available that protect against adenovirus.

#### Canine Parainfluenza

This viral respiratory disease is often partly responsible for "kennel cough" in dogs. Infections can be severe in young puppies. Parainfluenza protection is often included in distemper-parvo vaccines.

#### Canine Parvovirus (CPV)

This *contagious* viral disease usually causes severe diarrhea and vomiting in dogs of all ages but is especially deadly in puppies.

#### Canine Leptospirosis

Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease carried by many wild animals. A dog can contract the disease from infected animals or by drinking contaminated water. Yearly vaccination limits your dog's chances of acquiring the disease.

#### Canine Bordetella

Frequently involved in kennel cough complex, this bacterial infection may occur simultaneously with distemper, adenovirus type 2 infection, parainfluenza and other respiratory infections.

### Cats

#### Feline Panleukopenia

Feline Panleukopenia, sometimes called "feline distemper", causes severe vomiting, diarrhea and dehydration. It is the most widespread disease of cats and causes high death loss especially among kittens. The disease is caused by a virus and is *highly contagious*.

#### Feline Rhinotracheitis

Rhinotracheitis infection is a widespread respiratory disease caused by a virus. It is most severe in small kittens and can cause profuse discharge from the eyes and nose.

#### Feline Calicivirus

Calicivirus infection causes a variety of symptoms including fever, excess salivation and mouth or tongue ulcers. It is usually less fatal than rhinotracheitis or panleukopenia.

#### Feline Pneumonitis

Respiratory infection with symptoms resembling feline viral rhinotracheitis. The disease is caused by the organism *Chlamydia psittaci* and can be complicated by associated bacterial infections.