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Puppy Vaccine schedule

Most puppies receive their first round of vaccines when they are around 6 to 8 weeks old. Generally, booster vaccines are given every 3 to 4 weeks until puppy is 16 weeks of age to build up their developing immune system. Your veterinarian will discuss with you what vaccines your puppy needs. Some vaccine schedules will vary based on your puppy's age, weight, and lifestyle.

Core Vaccines: Recommended for all pets

- **DHPP (Canine Distemper, Adenovirus, Parvovirus, and Parainfluenza):** this is a combination vaccine that give protection against the most common contagious viral diseases in dogs. Canine Distemper and Parvovirus can both be fatal diseases. Adenovirus protects against canine hepatitis, and Parainfluenza protects against tracheobronchitis.
- **Rabies:** Rabies is a virus that can be transmitted to our pets and humans most commonly through bite wounds from an infected animal.
- **Leptospirosis:** Leptospirosis is in the bacteria family and is most commonly transmitted through urine of infected animals. This infection can cause severe damage to the liver and kidneys of infected animals. Leptospirosis can also be transmitted to humans.

Non- Core Vaccines: Recommended based on lifestyle of pet

- **Bordetella (Kennel Cough):** This vaccine is recommended if your pet commonly visits the groomer, dog park, pet stores, dog shows, or boarding facilities. Bordetella brochiseptica is a bacterial infection that affects the respiratory system, this is usually non-life threatening, but can develop into pneumonia. This vaccine starts protecting within 72 hours. This vaccine does not provide 100% immunity but will lessen clinical signs if your pet is exposed.
- **Lyme:** This vaccine provides protection against Lyme Disease caused by the bacteria Borrelia burgdorferi that is transmitted by ticks. Madison is considered an area that is endemic for Lyme disease. This vaccine is recommended for your dog in addition to tick prevention.
- **Canine Influenza (Bivalent):** This vaccine provides immunity for two strains of canine flu. This vaccine is recommended along the same circumstances as the Bordetella vaccine. The symptoms of canine influenza are like kennel cough, but can also cause high fever, inappetence, and pneumonia. This vaccine does not provide 100% immunity but will lessen your pet's symptoms if exposed.

