

Animal Hospital of Colorado

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Vaccination Recommendations for Dogs

Depending on your locality some infections may be more or less likely. Your veterinarian will assess the relative risks based on your circumstances and advise you accordingly. The range of vaccines available includes: rabies, distemper, adenovirus/ infectious canine hepatitis, parvovirus, leptospirosis, parainfluenza, coronavirus, Lyme disease, and Bordetella bronchiseptica (see Kennel Cough).

These vaccines are often available in combinations given in one dose. These combination vaccines are convenient and avoid extra injections for your dog, but sometimes separation of vaccines is advisable. Your veterinarian will advise you on the appropriate vaccines for your pet based on your dog's specific lifestyle requirements.

“Core” Vaccines – Recommended for all puppies and dogs by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) Canine Vaccine Task Force

- Canine distemper virus
- Canine parvovirus
- Canine adenovirus-2
- Rabies virus

“Non-Core” Vaccines – Recommended for puppies and dogs in special circumstances, dependent on the exposure risk of an individual dog by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) Canine Vaccine Task Force

- Distemper-measles virus
- Leptospira spp.
- Borrelia burgdorferi or Lyme disease
- Canine parainfluenza virus
- Bordetella bronchiseptica or “Kennel Cough”