

CANINE VACCINATION PROTOCOL – 2016 MINIMAL VACCINE USE

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Note: The following vaccine protocol is offered for those dogs where minimal vaccinations are advisable or desirable. The schedule is one I recommend and should not be interpreted to mean that other protocols recommended by a veterinarian would be less satisfactory. It's a matter of professional judgment and choice.

Age of Pups	Vaccine Type
9 - 10 weeks	Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV (e.g. Merck Nobivac [Intervet Progard] Puppy DPV)
14 – 15 weeks	Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV (e.g. Merck Nobivac [Intervet Progard] Puppy DPV)
18 weeks	Single Parvovirus, MLV. Note: new research states that last puppy parvovirus vaccine should be at 18 weeks.
20 weeks or older, if allowable by law	Rabies; mercury-free (TF). Note: give 3-4 weeks <i>apart</i> from other vaccinations.
1 year	Rabies; 3-year product if allowable by law; mercury-free (TF). Note: give 3-4 weeks <i>apart</i> from other vaccinations.
1 year	Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV (e.g. Merck Nobivac [Intervet Progard] Puppy DPV) or titer. This is an optional booster or titer. If the client intends not to booster after this optional booster or intends to retest titers in another three years, this optional booster at puberty is wise.

Perform vaccine antibody titers for distemper and parvovirus every three years thereafter, or more often, if desired. Vaccinate for rabies virus according to the law, except where circumstances indicate that a written waiver needs to be obtained from the primary care veterinarian. In that case, a rabies antibody titer can also be performed to accompany the waiver request. Visit: www.rabieschallengefund.org

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