

Information Sheet – Vaccination Guidelines

Vaccination Policy and Guidelines for Dog's Attending Class

We take the health and welfare of all dogs attending our classes with the utmost importance. At all venues where multiple dogs congregate for class, there is always an increased risk of dog-dog contact and transmission of disease.

Vaccination requirements

We require a minimum of a C3 vaccine, current and signed by a veterinarian for all dogs who attend our group dog classes.

We also accept titre tests, current and signed by a veterinarian. For more information about Titre Testing, see below.

Special Guidelines for Wacol classes

As the Wacol venue is the site of the RSPCA, their fields and grounds do pose more threat of disease transmission.

Therefore, for dogs attending our Wacol classes, we recommend a C5 vaccination

Precautions we put in place for the safety of your dogs:

Vaccination certificates must be shown at the start of each class to ensure all dogs are fully vaccinated before coming into contact with your dog.

For puppies, updated vaccination certificates must be supplied while the puppy is still attending class

Each client is to bring their own water bowl for their dog/puppy to class

Any shared equipment (e.g. tennis balls for flyball) is washed and disinfected between uses

The Latest Information on Vaccinations

Core vaccines should be administered to all animals to protect them against severe, life-threatening diseases that have a global distribution. These are: Canine Parvovirus, Canine Distemper virus and Canine Adenovirus

Non-core vaccines are required by only those animals whose geographic location, local environment or lifestyle places them at risk of contracting specific infections. These are: Parainfluenza, Bordetella and Leptospirosis

Not recommended: Giardia or Coronavirus

C3 = The core vaccines; Parvovirus, Distemper and Adenovirus

C4 = C3 + Parainfluenza virus (part of kennel cough)

C5 = C4 + Bordetella br. Bact (part of kennel cough)

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Frequency of Vaccination

In August 2007 the Vaccination Group of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) announced a recommendation of 3 yearly core vaccination (C3, F3) schedules for dogs and cats. For more: <http://www.wsava.org/educational/vaccination-guidelines-group>

The Australian Veterinary Association's Position Statement on the Vaccination of dogs and cats states that "Adult cats and dogs should be vaccinated with core vaccines triennially where applicable".

For more visit: <http://www.ava.com.au/policy/66-vaccination-dogs-and-cats>

Titre Testing

This is a quick and relatively inexpensive way to check immunity of core vaccines. After natural infection or vaccination, white blood cells will produce identical antibodies against the "infectious agent". These antibodies can be measured by taking a few drops of blood. This can ascertain if your dog requires a booster for the core vaccines.

For further information regarding vaccinations and titre tests in pets, visit:
<http://www.animaloptions.com.au/vaccinate-or-not/>

Consult with your veterinarian if you would like further information on vaccinations in pets.