

Dog and Cat Vaccines

At Franktown Animal Clinic, we prioritize your pet's health by providing essential vaccines to protect against serious diseases. Below is a breakdown of the core and recommended vaccines for dogs and cats, when they should be administered, and possible side effects.

Dog Vaccines

- **DA2PP (Distemper, Adenovirus-2, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza)**
 - Protects against highly contagious and potentially fatal diseases affecting the respiratory, gastrointestinal, and nervous systems.
 - **Puppy Schedule:** Given at 8 weeks, then every 3-4 weeks until 16 weeks of age.
 - **Adult Boosters:** Given 1 year after the last puppy vaccine, then every 3 years.
- **Leptospirosis (Lepto)**
 - Protects against a bacterial infection that affects the kidneys and liver; can be transmitted to humans.
 - **Puppy Schedule:** Given at 12 weeks, then boosted in 3-4 weeks.
 - **Adult Boosters:** Annually.
- **Bordetella (Kennel Cough)**
 - Protects against a contagious respiratory disease, often required for boarding, grooming, and training facilities.
 - **Puppy Schedule:** Given at 8 weeks.
 - **Adult Boosters:** Annually, but some boarding and grooming facilities require it every 6 months.
- **Rabies**
 - Protects against the fatal viral disease transmissible to humans; required by law.
 - **Puppy Schedule:** Given at 16 weeks.
 - **Adult Boosters:** 1 year after the first vaccine, then every 3 years.
- **Rattlesnake Vaccine**
 - Recommended for dogs that spend time in the woods or live in areas with rattlesnakes. Helps reduce the severity of rattlesnake venom effects.
 - **Puppy/Adult Schedule:** Given at 16 weeks, then boosted in 4 weeks.
 - **Boosters:** Annually, before peak snake season.
- **Canine Influenza (Flu Vaccine)**
 - Protects against canine influenza, a highly contagious respiratory virus. Recommended for dogs that are frequently around other dogs (boarding, grooming, dog parks).
 - **Puppy/Adult Schedule:** Given at 12 weeks, then boosted in 3-4 weeks.
 - **Boosters:** Annually.

Cat Vaccines

- **FVRCP (Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Panleukopenia)**
 - Protects against severe respiratory and gastrointestinal diseases.
 - **Kitten Schedule:** Given at 8 weeks, then every 3-4 weeks until 16 weeks of age.
 - **Adult Boosters:** 1 year after the last kitten vaccine, then every 3 years.
- **Feline Leukemia Virus (FELV)**
 - Protects against a contagious virus that suppresses the immune system. Recommended for outdoor cats.
 - **Kitten Schedule:** Given at 12 weeks, then boosted in 3-4 weeks.

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- **Adult Boosters:** Annually for high-risk cats.
- **Rabies**
 - Protects against the fatal viral disease, required by law.
 - **Kitten Schedule:** Given at 16 weeks.
 - **Adult Boosters:** 1 year after the first vaccine, then every 3 years.

Vaccine Side Effects

While vaccines are safe and essential, some pets may experience mild side effects, including:

- Soreness at the injection site
- Mild fever or lethargy
- Decreased appetite
- Temporary swelling at the injection site


Rare but serious reactions may include:

- Vomiting, diarrhea, or facial swelling
- Difficulty breathing
- Collapse or severe lethargy

If your pet experiences any concerning symptoms, contact us immediately.

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