

## Puppy Vaccine & Deworming Schedule

- 8 weeks old: **1<sup>st</sup> DHPPC (Distemper - Parvo Combination Vaccine or 5-in-1)**  
Nemex Deworming – roundworms (and send 2<sup>nd</sup> dose for 14 days later)
- 12 weeks old: **2<sup>nd</sup> DHPPC (Distemper - Parvo Combination Vaccine or 5-in-1)**  
**-or- DHLPPC (with 1<sup>st</sup> Leptosporosis, depending on breed/risk)**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Bordatella (Kennel Cough Vaccine)**  
Nemex Deworming – roundworms (and send 2<sup>nd</sup> dose for 14 days later)  
\*send home a fecal cup for Fecal Exam next visit
- 16 weeks old: **3<sup>rd</sup> DHPPC (Distemper - Parvo Combination Vaccine or 5-in-1)**  
**-or- DHLPPC (with 2<sup>nd</sup> Leptosporosis, depending on breed/risk)**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Bordatella (Kennel Cough Vaccine)**  
**1 year Rabies Vaccine**  
(Remember to bring your puppy's fecal sample to be tested for intestinal parasites)

**Distemper-Parvo Combination Vaccine or 5-in-1:** Parvo virus is prevalent in Spokane all year long. It is a deadly gastrointestinal virus that attacks the small intestines and scars them to the point where the puppy can no longer absorb nutrients or water. If left untreated, they can subsequently die from dehydration and malnutrition. The virus is shed through infected dogs' feces (usually a watery diarrhea) and the virus particles can live for years in the environment. People can carry the virus around on their shoes or hands and unknowingly infect their own puppy.

**Know the Symptoms:** Vomiting, Diarrhea, Lethargy, Fever

**Booster until 4 months old!** In order to be effective, the DHPPC vaccine must be boosted every 3-4 weeks until the puppy is 16 weeks old (4 months).

**Bordetella (Kennel Cough) Vaccine:** Infectious Tracheobronchitis has been known as Kennel Cough because traditionally it is obtained in a kennel situation where an infected dog coughs and the bacteria particles are inhaled by another dog in the same kennel. However, we are seeing more and more dogs come down with Kennel Cough that have not been in a kennel and therefore recommend vaccinating all dogs against this disease as a puppy and then once per year thereafter. For dogs that are going to be boarded or kenneled, visit the groomer, or attend obedience classes, we recommend boosting the vaccine every 6 months.

**Rabies Vaccine:** Washington State Law requires all dogs and cats be vaccinated against Rabies. This is administered as a single vaccine which lasts 1 year the first time they are vaccinated and lasts 3 years thereafter. You will be given a Rabies tag and certificate with each vaccine. This certificate is needed for licensing and traveling outside of the state.

**Deworming:** The Center for Disease Control recommends at least 4 dewormings for all puppies and kittens. This is very important to complete, since some parasites may be transmitted to people (children are especially susceptible) and can cause serious medical problems.

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