

Dixie Animal Hospital

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DIXIE ANIMAL HOSPITAL
 — OVER 50 YEARS OF CARING —

CANINE VACCINATION INFORMATION AND PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE

VACCINE	DISEASE	IMMUNIZATION RECOMMENDATION	DATES
CANINE DISTEMPER**	Virus spread through contact with bodily secretions. Causes severe multi-systemic disease, resulting in death for three-quarters of puppies who contract it.	<p>All puppies should receive a minimum of 3 doses between the ages of 6 to 16 weeks administered at intervals of 2 to 4 weeks. The final dose should be administered at ~16 weeks of age. As an adult a booster should be given every year.</p> <p>Any dog over 16 weeks of age with no vaccine history should get a minimum of 2 doses administered 2 to 4 weeks apart.</p>	
CANINE PARVOVIRUS**	A deadly viral disease that causes gastrointestinal tract damage and dehydration. Usually fatal in puppies.		
CANINE ADENOVIRUS-2**	Highly contagious virus that causes upper respiratory infection. Vaccination also protects against adenovirus-1, which causes hepatitis.		
PARAINFLUENZA ** VIRUS	Viral disease that causes respiratory infection and generally responds well to treatment.		
LEPTOSPIROSIS	Bacteria that causes acute infection and can lead to kidney or liver disease.	Initial vaccination needs to have a booster in 2 to 4 weeks. After that a booster is given every 6 to 12 months.	
RABIES**+	Virus that affects the brain and spinal cord. Always results in death.	Initial vaccine should be given at ~16 weeks. As an adult a booster is given every 1 to 3 years.	
		THIS VACCINATION IS REQUIRED BY LAW IN ALL DOGS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.	
BORDETELLA**	Bacterial illness that causes respiratory infection commonly referred to as "kennel cough".	Initial puppy series should be started between 6 to 12 weeks of age and followed by 1 booster given 2-4 weeks later. As an adult, a booster should be given every 6-12 months.	
CANINE INFLUENZA H3N8/H3N2**	A novel viral disease that causes respiratory infection which can lead to pneumonia and even death.	Initial vaccination needs to have a booster in 2 to 4 weeks. After that a booster is given once a year.	
LYME VACCINE	An infectious, tick-borne disease that shows symptoms 2 to 5 months after exposure.	Initial vaccination needs to have a booster in 2 to 4 weeks. After that a booster is given once a year.	

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** - Required for boarding. + - Required by law.

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PREVENTATIVE	TREATS/PREVENTS	SCHEDULED RECOMMENDATION	DATES
DRONTAL PLUS	An oral medication used for the treatment of tapeworms, whipworms, hookworms, and large round worms.	Medication should be given every 2 to 4 weeks until ~16 weeks of age, then yearly with physical examination.	 <hr/> <hr/>
PONAZURIL	An oral medication used for the treatment of coccidia.	Medication should be given at ~6 weeks of age, then repeated in 2 to 4 weeks.	 <hr/> <hr/>
HEARTGARD PLUS	An oral medication used to prevent heartworms and treat intestinal parasites. Patient needs to have an annual examination and heartworm test by a veterinarian to prescribe.	Initial treatment should be given at ~8 weeks and repeated monthly for the entirety of the pet's life.	
NEXGARD	An oral medication used to treat against fleas and ticks. Patient needs to have an annual examination by a veterinarian to prescribe.	Initial treatment should be given at ~8 weeks and repeated monthly for the entirety of the pet's life.	

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