

North Scottsdale Animal Hospital Vaccination Guidelines (Revised 3/27/2007)

At North Scottsdale Animal Hospital our goal is to provide our patients and clients with the highest level of care and client service. We use the latest advancements in veterinary medicine and surgery to achieve that goal. Your pet is a member of the family and every effort will be made to enhance your pet's quality of life by emphasizing preventative health care and client education.

Vaccination programs have reduced disease in our pet populations and are still considered the foundation of preventative health care programs. In the last year the American Veterinary Medical Association and American Animal Hospital Association have revised the guidelines for vaccinating our patients. Therefore, North Scottsdale Animal Hospital has adopted the following recommendations:

Puppies:

1. **Distemper/Parvo/Adenovirus-2/Parainfluenza (DA2PP):** Puppies should receive a series of three to four booster vaccines starting at 6-8 weeks of age. Each vaccine should be administered at 3 to 4 week intervals with the final vaccine administered at 14-16 weeks of age.
2. **Rabies:** The first rabies vaccine should be given at or shortly after **12 weeks** of age. This vaccine is then valid for one year. Each subsequent vaccine is then valid for three years in the state of Arizona. Residents within Maricopa County are required to license their dogs yearly.
3. **Bordatella (Kennel Cough):** Puppies should receive their first bordatella vaccine at 8-12 weeks of age. A second dose should be administered 3-4 weeks later. Bordatella should be boosted every 6 months in dogs that visit dog parks, board or require grooming. This disease is a highly contagious respiratory disease.

Adult Dogs:

1. **Distemper/Parvo/Adenovirus-2/Parainfluenza (DA2PP):** A DA2PP booster should be administered one year from the last vaccine in the puppy series. Thereafter, DA2PP boosters should be administered based on a patient's likely risk of exposure and overall health status. Vaccine titering is also available as an alternative to vaccination. These viruses can cause severely debilitating gastrointestinal, neurologic and respiratory illnesses in both puppies and dogs.
2. **Rabies:** The first adult rabies booster should be administered one year from the initial vaccine given at **12 weeks** of age. Thereafter, the rabies vaccine should be administered every three years. Residents within Maricopa County are required to license their dogs yearly.
3. **Bordatella (Kennel Cough):** Bordatella should be boosted every 6-12 months in those patients who board, visit dog parks or require grooming. This disease is a highly contagious respiratory disease.

The following vaccines are **ONLY** administered if a patient travels to an endemic area or at client request. These vaccines are not considered core vaccines by the AVMA and therefore are not recommended for all patients: Leptospirosis, Lyme and the **Rattlesnake (*Crotalus atrox*) vaccine.**