



**Cranston**  
ANIMAL HOSPITAL

## Canine Vaccine Schedule

### Core Vaccines

- ❖ These diseases involved have significant morbidity/mortality rates and are widely distributed throughout the population
- ❖ Vaccination results in relatively good protection from diseases

### Distemper/Parvo

- ❖ Under the age of 16 weeks
  - ❖ Between the ages of 6 weeks and 16 weeks of age the puppy will receive a vaccine every 3 weeks
  - ❖ Puppies presented at the age of 16 weeks should receive two vaccines three weeks apart
  - ❖ Puppies that are in a high-risk environment should have their final vaccine between the ages of 18 and 20 weeks
    - ❖ High-risk environments include
      - ❖ High occurrence of distemper and parvo positive cases in the population
      - ❖ Puppies with significant exposure to other dogs or contaminated environments
- ❖ Boosters
  - ❖ All dogs will need a booster in one year
  - ❖ This vaccine will provide 3 years of protection

### Rabies

- ❖ One vaccine for all puppies no earlier than 12-weeks old
- ❖ Boosters
  - ❖ A second dose is required within a year of the initial vaccine
  - ❖ When this vaccine is given before the previous vaccination date it will be good for three years
  - ❖ In order for each following vaccine to be continued at three year intervals it must be boosted before the previous vaccine date

### Kennel cough

- ❖ As early as 3 weeks of age all dogs should receive one intranasal/oral vaccine
- ❖ Booster annually

### Non-Core Vaccines

- ❖ Optional vaccines that should be considered in light of the exposure risk and the lifestyle of the pet

### Leptospirosis

- ❖ As early as eight weeks old all dogs can receive two vaccines three weeks apart
- ❖ Booster annually

### Lyme

- ❖ As early as eight weeks old all dogs can receive two vaccines three weeks apart
- ❖ Booster annually

### Canine flu

- ❖ As early as six weeks all dogs can receive two vaccines three weeks apart
- ❖ This vaccine should be started 4-6 weeks before needed to allow immune response
- ❖ Booster annually