



Rovers Return Dog Rescue

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Puppy Vaccine Guide

What to do and when to do it

KEY ACTIONS

- Start vaccines at 6 to 8 weeks old, or 6 weeks for high-risk puppies or strays.
- Vaccinate every 3 to 4 weeks until at least 16 weeks old.
- Do not stop early because the puppy looks healthy.

CORE VACCINE

DHPP protects against Distemper, Parvo, Adenovirus or Hepatitis, and Parainfluenza.

SIMPLE SCHEDULE

- 6 to 8 weeks: first vaccine.
- 9 to 12 weeks: booster.
- 12 to 16 weeks: booster.
- 16+ weeks: final vaccine, which is the most important.
- Rabies: given at 12 to 16 weeks and required by law.

TOTALS

- 3 to 4 DHPP vaccines.
- 1 Rabies vaccine.
- Optional final booster at 18 to 20 weeks in high-risk environments.
- Booster at 1 year of age, then every 3 years or as advised by your veterinarian.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Puppies are not fully protected before the final vaccine.

If history is unknown, assume unvaccinated and start.

Missed timing means continue the series, do not restart.

Vaccines should be spaced at least 3 weeks apart to allow proper immune response.

Giving vaccines too frequently can reduce effectiveness.

Until 1 week after the final booster, avoid dog parks, pet stores, and public dog areas.

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