



## VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

All Vaccines must be up-to-date at least 1 week prior to Lodging, Styling or Behavior Modification Classes.

The goal of a vaccination is to stimulate an immune response that will protect an animal from developing clinical illness after exposure to an infectious agent. However, you must realize that a vaccination does not always protect against a disease. Vaccine type and immunization protocol can influence success or failure of vaccinations. Indeed, many factors may impair an animal's ability to develop immunity after vaccination. However, to optimize their ability to ward off disease, a pet must be properly vaccinated. Before entering our facility with your pet friend we will need to verify that all vaccinations are current according to your veterinarian's recommendations. The suggested vaccines and the frequency of vaccinations are always changing. Please check with us, as well as with your veterinarian, before making a boarding reservation.

**The following are the currently recommended vaccinations:**

### CANINES

**Distemper:** This is a virus that effects the central nervous system. This virus can be passed from one dog to another or transmitted through contact from a contaminated environment or surface. It is considered the most serious viral disease of dogs in the world. Distemper virus spreads as an airborne infection but all the bodily secretions of an infected animal contain the virus. Clinical signs include anorexia, diarrhea, and dehydration. As the disease progresses, fever, depression, vomiting, and bloody diarrhea may be observed accompanied by signs of respiratory distress. Coughing, labored breathing, inflammation of tissues around the eyes and nose, and discharge may occur. If dogs recover from Distemper they often have lifelong complications.

**Hepatitis/Adenovirus:** These viruses can cause Tracheobronchitis, which is often mislabeled "Kennel Cough". Tracheobronchitis causes a hacking cough often accompanied by retching and a foamy white discharge. It can lead to pneumonia and death if left untreated. This virus is spread in the bodily secretions of infected dogs and a wide variety of carnivorous wildlife. Canine hepatitis is a virus that affects the liver. It is most severe with puppies, but all dogs are susceptible. Incubation: up to 14 days

**Leptospirosis:** Symptoms of this disease include depression, fever, loss of appetite, jaundice and possible liver and kidney failure. Leptospirosis is an acute bacterial disease that spreads through contact with the urine, saliva or nasal secretions of an infected animal. This disease is communicable between animals and humans.

**Parainfluenza:** One of the organisms that have been implicated as a cause of Tracheobronchitis (see hepatitis/adenovirus above). Parainfluenza is self-limiting, with a course of 5 to 10 days duration. However, secondary bacterial infections of the respiratory tract are common.

**Parvovirus:** This is a common and deadly viral infection that attacks the lining of the small intestines of all canine species. Symptoms include sudden onset of vomiting and diarrhea, often with blood. It can live in the environment for years and still be infectious, and can be spread easily via contact with infected stool on any surfaces. Therefore, proper disinfecting with a product labeled for parvovirus is necessary. Generally, all dogs should receive annual revaccination against parvovirus and females should be boosted two weeks prior to breeding.

**Corona virus:** A highly contagious viral infection that affects the gastrointestinal tract. The symptoms of the disease include lethargy, anorexia, and depression and sudden onset of vomiting in which blood can

sometimes be found. Diarrhea is moderate to severe. Feces is yellow-orange colored occasionally with blood and mucous.

**Rabies:** This disease of the central nervous system is usually transmitted through a bite from a rabid animal. Initial symptoms include lack of appetite and fever and progress to erratic behavior including growling/barking, a desire to be left alone, seizure, paralysis and death. All warm-blooded animals, including humans, are susceptible to rabies. Incubation: 1 to 3 months.

**Bordetella:** Bordetella is also one of the three most common causes of Canine Tracheobronchitis. Symptoms include cough and gagging aggravated by exercise. This disease is a highly contagious airborne disease and is readily transmitted. Incubation: up to 14 days. The Nasal or injectable vaccination for Bordetella must be updated every six months. (There are many different airborne strains of Tracheobronchitis, also known as canine cough. While vaccination every 6 or 12 months helps support immunity to one strain, it does not support immunity to other strains, nor can it completely eliminate risk of any infection). Any dog receiving initial vaccines must receive four series of the vaccine before they can be accepted for any services.

## **FELINES**

**Panleukopenia/Feline Distemper:** This is a very contagious viral disease, transmitted by airborne routes and direct contact with contaminated objects. Panleukopenia survives years in the environment and proper disinfecting with a product labeled for parvovirus is necessary to decontaminate surfaces. Common symptoms include diarrhea, vomiting, low white blood cell count and seizures.

**Rhinotracheitis/Feline Herpes :** This disease is characterized by respiratory symptoms such as sneezing, nasal discharge, and conjunctivitis (inflammation of the membrane lining the eyelid). It also effects the reproductive tract and can cause complications during pregnancy. It is a highly contagious, viral upper respiratory disease transmitted by direct contact with discharge from an infected cat's eyes, nose, and mouth. Sneezing and coughing can contaminate objects up to 4 feet away including cages, food and water bowls, litter trays, pet owner's clothing, and the pet owner's hands.

**Calicivirus :** Causes upper respiratory symptoms including pneumonia, ulcers in and around the mouth, discharge from the eyes and nose and occasionally arthritis. It is a fairly mild flu-like condition and rarely causes serious complications. Calicivirus is spread through direct contact with the saliva, eye and nose discharges, and sometimes the feces of an infected cat.

**Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP):** This is a serious, nearly always fatal systemic viral disease of wild and domestic cats caused by a corona virus. The onset of the disease may be sudden. It is a complex widespread disease and no one is sure how the virus is transmitted. When symptoms become apparent, they often include abscesses in the liver, kidneys, and fluid accumulation within body cavities.

**Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV):** Leukemia virus is responsible for more deaths among cats than any other infectious disease. Outdoor cats are susceptible to this disease through contact with an infected cat. This is one of many reasons to keep your feline friend indoors. FeLV usually spreads through infected saliva but can also spread through infected urine, tears, and feces. It may be transmitted by cat-to-cat grooming, sneezing, fighting and other feline social contacts as well as through an infected mother to her kittens during gestation and nursing. The virus is short lived and delicate outside the host.

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Please understand that there is risk of disease transmission when visiting any pet care facility or pet park. Some things that may lower your pets' immunity and cause illness or diseases are direct contact with infected areas as well as airborne strains of viruses/diseases.

Country Kennels takes great care to ensure the health and well being of every guest in our care through proper cleaning, disinfection, and fresh airflow through our facility. While vaccinating every six to twelve months helps support immunity to some diseases, it does not support immunity to all airborne strains, nor can it completely eliminate risk of developing disease. Country Kennels assumes no liability for the transmission of disease or illness between animals.

**If you and your veterinarian have chosen NOT to administer any of our required vaccinations, a written statement from your veterinarian is required before we can accept your pet friend for any of our services.**

**Holistically Treated Guests  
(unvaccinated, no flea/tick/heartworm prevention)**

**Owners who use the Holistic approach to pet care MUST be under the care and supervision of a Licensed Holistic Veterinarian. All of Country Kennels activities are available for holistically treated guests on an individual basis.**