



### **Canine Tracheobronchitis, (Kennel cough)**

This respiratory tract infection is easily transmitted from one dog to another. Symptoms are a dry, hacking cough, sometimes sounding like your dog may be trying to dislodge something stuck in its throat. Vaccination is imperative if your dog comes into contact with other dogs in any situation including walking in the park! Many kennels insist on vaccination against kennel cough. This vaccination is administered intranasally.

### **Rabies**

For dogs travelling overseas we recommend rabies vaccination. This is a legal requirement as part of the Pet Travel Scheme.

Vaccinations cannot be 100% guaranteed. However, when used in conjunction with proper nutrition and good husbandry, vaccination is clearly your pets best defence against disease.

When you consider what treating a serious illness can cost, plus the distress of its effects, prevention through vaccination is extremely cost effective and safe.



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## **Dog Vaccinations**



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One way to help your dog live a long and healthy life is to ensure that they are vaccinated against common canine diseases. Puppies receive immunity from their mothers from the colostrum ('first milk'), however this will only last for a few weeks, after this time it is important you help provide that protection.

Your dog should be protected against the diseases which are most common, highly contagious or cause severe illness/death. The vaccinations your dog needs can be chosen on an evaluation of your dogs lifestyle, environment and hereditary factors.

Vaccinations contain small quantities of altered or killed viruses, bacteria or disease causing organisms. When these are administered to your dog they stimulate the dogs immune system to produce disease fighting cells and antibodies to protect against disease.

The first vaccination is given in 2 doses. The first one from 6 weeks of age, the second one given 4 weeks later. Thereafter your dog will require annual booster vaccinations for the rest of their life.



Listed below are the diseases we commonly vaccinate against;

### **Canine Parvovirus**

This is a very contagious, debilitating and widespread disease. It is spread through infected faeces, the virus can remain in the environment for many months. Symptoms include high fever, listlessness, vomiting, blood stained diarrhoea and even death. Vaccination is the only certain method of preventing this potentially fatal disease, which is most severe in young puppies and elderly dogs.

### **Canine Distemper**

Vaccination against this often fatal, hard to treat disease is absolutely essential. Highly contagious it is spread by the nasal and ocular discharges from infected dogs. Symptoms can include listlessness, fever, coughing, diarrhoea and vomiting. Convulsions and paralysis may occur in the final stages of the disease. The distemper virus attacks many organs, including the nervous system, which may leave permanent damage, even if the dog recovers.



### **Infectious Canine Hepatitis**

This disease is transmitted among dogs by contact of secretions, such as saliva, infected urine or faeces. Its symptoms are similar to those of the early stages of distemper. The disease causes liver failure, eye damage and breathing problems. This disease can range from being mild to fatal. Vaccination remains the best protection.

### **Leptospirosis**

Dogs infected with this disease can suffer liver and kidney damage that will need a long period of treatment if they are to fully recover. The signs of leptospirosis range from lethargy, fever and vomiting, right through to the sudden death of dogs who previously had no signs of ill health. It is also a disease that can infect humans.

At The Vale we have updated our leptospirosis vaccine to the 4 strain vaccine which provides the very best protection available.