



Pet Hospital of Peñasquitos

*Full Service, Compassionate, Progressive Veterinary Care for all your Pets
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Wellness Exams and Vaccinations

We stress the importance of an annual physical examination on all types of pets because of the more rapid aging of pets compared to humans. Thorough checkups, detailed discussion of care and preventive care can help alleviate serious health problems. The Pet Hospital of Peñasquitos is dedicated to providing the highest quality care for your pet. We feel that following the most progressive vaccination schedule will extend the life of your pet.

Puppies and kittens need vaccinations early in life as antibodies they receive from their mother begin to decline around 6-8 weeks of age. It is during this time that puppies and kittens need to be vaccinated in order to start building their immune system. This is when we should begin a vaccination or health care regimen for your pet. Our veterinarians will discuss with you to develop a specific plan of action tailored to meet your pet's needs. We encourage and appreciate you the pet owner to be an active participant in planning what is best for your pet's health.

Vaccines are divided into two classes. 'Core' vaccines for dogs and cats are those that should be given to every dog and cat. 'Noncore' (optional) vaccines are recommended only for certain dogs and cats. Whether to vaccinate with noncore vaccines depends upon a number of things including the age, breed, and health status of your pet, the potential exposure of your pet to an animal that has the disease, the type of vaccine and how common the disease is in the geographical area where your pet lives or may visit.

Below you will find a comprehensive listing of the recommended vaccination schedule for dogs and cats according to their ages. Our vaccination recommendations are based on the **American Animal Hospital Association's** vaccination guidelines.

<p align="center">CORE VACCINATIONS Recommended for all dogs and cats</p>	<p align="center">DOGS</p>	<p align="center">CATS</p>
<p>8 to 9 weeks old</p>	<p>DA2PP (4-in-1)</p> <p>Distemper a highly contagious and commonly fatal infection that causes pneumonia, gastroenteritis, and encephalitis/seizures.</p> <p>Hepatitis a contagious and fatal infection that causes acute liver failure and corneal lesions.</p> <p>Parvovirus a highly contagious and usually fatal viral infection of the digestive tract. It causes severe vomiting and foul, bloody diarrhea.</p> <p>Parainfluenzais a virus that causes an upper respiratory infection. Dogs usually contract the disease through contact with nasal secretions of infected dogs).</p> <p>Bordetella #1 (if your pet will be going to a groomer, dog park, trainer or boarding kennel)</p> <p>Start Heartworm Prevention</p>	<p>FVRCP Vaccine</p> <p>Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis caused by the feline herpes virus, a virus that infects the nose lining, sinuses, throat, windpipe and eye membranes.</p> <p>Calicivirus a respiratory infection that affects the throat, eyes, nasal passages, mouth, and sometimes lungs, intestines & musculoskeletal system.</p> <p>Feline distemper (Panleukopenia) a contagious virus affecting blood cells in the intestinal tract, bone marrow, brain, and developing fetuses.</p> <p>FELV Vaccine (Feline leukemia virus vaccine may not be considered a “core vaccination” by some veterinarians. We recommend vaccination because kittens are at the highest risk of contracting feline leukemia virus which is the most prevalent feline virus).</p> <p>Start Heartworm Prevention</p>
<p>11 to 12 weeks old</p>	<p>DA2PP Booster</p> <p>Bordetella #2 (if your pet will be doing to a groomer, dog park, trainer or boarding kennel)</p>	<p>FVRCP Booster</p>
<p>15 to 16 weeks old</p>	<p>DA2PP Booster</p> <p>Rabies Vaccine (In accordance with California state law, we recommend that puppies receive a single dose of killed rabies vaccine at 16 weeks of age. Adult dogs with unknown vaccination history should also receive a single dose of killed rabies vaccine.</p>	<p>FVRCP Booster</p> <p>FELV Booster</p> <p>Rabies Vaccine (Cats are important in the control of rabies in the US we recommend that kittens receive a single dose of killed</p>

	<p>A booster is required one year later, and thereafter, rabies vaccination should be performed every 3 years).</p>	<p>rabies vaccine at 16 weeks of age. Adult cats with unknown vaccination history should also receive a single dose of killed rabies vaccine. A booster is required one year later, and thereafter, rabies vaccination should be performed every 3 years).</p>
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COMMON NON-CORE VACCINATIONS Recommended based on your pet's lifestyle	DOGS	CATS
	<p>Canine Influenza Virus (CIV) Canine Distemper-Measles Combination Canine <i>Leptospira</i> Vaccines Canine <i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i> (Lyme) California.</p> <p>Other Canine Vaccines Several other canine vaccines are currently available on the market.</p> <p>Canine Coronavirus</p> <p>Canine Giardia spp. Canine Rattlesnake Canine Porphyromonas</p>	<p>Feline Immunodeficiency Virus</p> <p>Virulent Calicivirus Feline Chlamydomphila felis</p> <p>Feline Bordetella bronchiseptica</p> <p>Other Feline Vaccines</p> <p>Feline Infectious Peritonitis Vaccine</p> <p>Feline Giardia</p>
TESTS and DE-WORMING Recommended based on your pet's lifestyle	DOGS	CATS
8 to 9 weeks old	<p>De-worming for Hookworm, Roundworm, Tapeworm</p> <p>Intestinal parasite examination</p> <p>Start Parasite Prevention (flea, tick, heartworm)</p>	<p>De-worming for Hookworm, Roundworm, Tapeworm</p> <p>Intestinal parasite examination</p> <p>Start Parasite Prevention (flea & tick and heartworm)</p>
11 to 12 weeks old	<p>De-worming for Hookworm, Roundworm, Tapeworm</p> <p>Intestinal parasite examination</p>	<p>De-worming for Hookworm, Roundworm, Tapeworm</p> <p>FeLv / FIV / Heartworm Test</p>

We also recommend spaying or neutering your puppy or kitten by six months of age. After 13 years of age some vaccinations may not be considered appropriate for your dog and cat. We will gladly discuss your senior dog's vaccinations needs with you.

Puppies and kittens receive a series of 2 to 3 vaccinations depending on their age. One year from the last puppy and kitten vaccinations they need a booster, then some vaccinations are boosted once a year (Bordetella, Rattlesnake) and others are given every 3 years (Rabies, Distemper, Parvovirus). All dogs and cats should have a physical examination and intestinal parasite examination yearly, discussion of any concerns and heartworm testing for dogs. Once your dog or cat is over 7 years of age we recommend more extensive blood testing (complete blood count, chemistry panel, thyroid level, and urinalysis) in addition to fecal and heartworm testing.

For ferrets we recommend distemper and rabies vaccination with vaccines specific for ferrets. Kits receive 2 to 3 distemper vaccinations at 3 week intervals, the last after 14 weeks of age. Rabies are given after 16 weeks and boosted a year later then every 3 years. Distemper is also boosted a year after last kit immunization then every 3 years thereafter. We recommend annual examinations for ferrets and blood testing (complete blood count, 4 hour fasting blood panel) starting at 4 years then annually to detect diseases such as lymphoma, adrenal and insulin tumors.

Our recommendations for rabbits and all rodents include a yearly physical, intestinal parasite exam and husbandry review. It is very important to spay female rabbits and rats to avoid cancers.

For reptiles and amphibians (herps) we recommend once a year physical exams, weight check, husbandry review (please be ready to provide information on lights, caging, substrates, calcium and vitamin supplements, temperatures and what you feed your herp), yearly parasite exams and further diagnostics if indicated after physical exam. We find improper care a leading cause of disease in reptiles, once a year review of this is one of the best ways to safeguard your herp.

For birds we recommend an annual physical examination, weight check, husbandry review (please be prepared to tell us what you feed your bird and the name of any supplements you use). Blood testing (complete blood count, chemistry panel, protein electrophoresis, parasite examinations and fecal gram staining) is recommended once a year.

Remember, if at any time your pet is sick, we need to examine your pet to determine what is wrong. Please don't try and make us diagnose over the phone it is impossible to do.