

Obessia Kennels (Obessia Pet Care)

DOG VACCINATION

Vaccination of puppies and dogs has been considered one of the most important and easiest ways to help him live a long and healthy life. A veterinarian is the best source of information for your puppy's health, so it is important to follow his or her recommendations to ensure a great start for a sound life. There are there different vaccines for different diseases. Puppies should be vaccinated at an early age. Your veterinarian will start your puppy on a **vaccination schedule** and will advise you when boosters are necessary. Make sure your dog gets a regular veterinary **health checkup** every **six months** or as recommended by your veterinarian.

Vaccination Schedule

Selection of vaccines and as well as the vaccination schedule should only be finalized by a veterinarian. A commonly practised (in India) vaccination schedule for a healthy puppy is shown below.

1. Age - 4 Weeks

Vaccination against **Parvovirus** and **Distemper** if the dam (mother) is **not** vaccinated.

2. Age - 5 Weeks

Booster dose against **Parvovirus** and **Distemper**.

3. Age - 6 Weeks

Vaccination against **Parvovirus** and **Canine Distemper** if the dam (mother) is **vaccinated**.

4. Age - 8 Weeks

Vaccination against **Parvo**, **Adeno virus**, **Canine Distemper**, **Leptospirosis**, **Coronavirus**, **Parainfluenza**, **Bordetella** followed by yearly **boosters** (7 in 1 shot) for life.

5. Age - 3 Months

First shot of **Anti-rabies** vaccination

6. Age - 4 Months

Booster dose for **Rabies**(Optional), followed by **yearly** vaccination for life.

DEWORMING PUPS / DOGS

Worms or parasites are one of the more common problems encountered in canine veterinary practice. Different types of worms may be seen in dogs and puppies like **roundworms**, **hookworms**, **tapeworms**, **whipworms**, and **coccidia**. **Rough hair** and coats, **diarrhea**, **malnutrition** progressing to intestinal obstruction and **anaemia** are common issues with worms.

Your veterinarian can recommend an appropriate **dewormer** for your dog depending on the type of worms your pet has. This is best determined by having your veterinarian examine a stool sample. Besides that monthly **heartworm** preventatives will often be effective in killing other parasites such as hookworms and roundworms, as well as in preventing whipworms. Veterinarians normally won't deworm pregnant dogs until after delivery, since most puppies will be born with roundworms regardless how often the dam has been dewormed.

Deworming Schedule

Hookworms and **roundworms** are the most common worms found in puppies and dogs. This is a guide for deworming as recommended by most of the Veterinarians across the globe.

Puppies

- Deworm puppies at **2, 4, 6 and 8** weeks of age.
- **Once** a month from **3 to 6** months of age.
- After **6 months**, follow adult recommendations.
- Also after six months, use a **heartworm preventative** medication.

Adult Dogs

A healthy adult dog (over 6 months of age) requires deworming **twice a year** (i.e. once in every 6 months) for life.

Newly acquired dogs

No matter what the history or the age of the dogs, assume they have parasites and should be dewormed immediately.

- Deworm the dog **immediately** and repeat in two weeks.
- Then put the dog on **adult deworming program** mentioned above.