



THE BARRACKS VET SURGERY MOSMAN

WHY VACCINATE DOGS?

When do we need to vaccinate?

Puppies need 3 vaccinations at approximately 8, 12 and 16 weeks of age. Thereafter they need an annual canine cough vaccine, but the rest of the vaccination can be given once every three years.

Do we need to keep our puppy away from other dogs until 16 weeks old?

It is imperative that puppies receive exposure to other dogs, noises, people and various sites and experiences before 16 weeks of age. Otherwise they may develop fear reactions and anxieties later on. Just avoid crowded dog parks where faeces or urine may be present, and stick to suburbs where other dogs are likely to be vaccinated. Avoid sick or sneezing animals.

What does vaccination protect against?

There are five diseases covered in Australian vaccinations, some of which are fatal.

1. CPV - Canine Parvovirus
2. ICH - Infectious Canine Hepatitis Virus or Canine Adenovirus type 1 (CAV-1)
3. CDV - Canine Distemper Virus
4. CPIV - Canine parainfluenza virus is one of the main viral causes of Canine cough. (Others are Canine Respiratory Coronavirus, Canine Herpesvirus, Canine Reovirus, Canine Adenovirus type 2 (CAV-2) and Mycoplasma.)
5. Bortadella Brochiseptica is the bacterial cause of Canine cough.

What are the vaccines called?

- C2 vaccine = Canine Cough
This is available as an annual injection or an annual intra-nasal squirt.
Ask your boarding kennel which they prefer.
- C3 vaccine = The core vaccines; parvovirus, distemper and adenovirus
This is available as an annual injection, or an injection once every three years
- C4 vaccine = C3 + parainfluenza virus (part of Canine cough)
- C5 vaccine = C4 + Bordatella br. Bact (part of Canine cough)

Are there any side effects?

Usually there are no side effects. Occasionally an animal may feel lethargic or develop a localised reaction to the injection site. This is not serious, but let us know if this happens so that the next vaccination can be modified.