

Henlow Veterinary Hospital

VACCINES FOR DOGS

Which vaccines we recommend for DOGS.

Vaccinations are very important to prevent very serious and sometimes fatal diseases in our pets. We follow WSAVA and BSAVA guidelines to make sure that we use optimum protocols to safeguard your pets.

[Click here to view the BSAVA Vaccine guidelines.](#)
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Dogs are **VACCINATED** Against:

Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus (DHP) and Leptospirosis (L4)

Distemper virus is a highly contagious disease that can be fatal.

It is spread through direct contact with an infected dogs saliva, urine or blood.

Chances of survival are possible however the patient may be left with brain damage and seizures.

Canine Hepatitis is a potentially fatal disease and is spread through the faeces, blood, saliva and nasal discharge of an infected animal. Symptomatic and supportive treatment can be given, though survivors can be left with kidney and eye damage.

Parvovirus is very easily spread via contaminated faeces, either through direct contact with another dog or via your clothes and shoes. It can quickly infect a whole litter of puppies, and is often fatal in young puppies and can be fatal in adults. It causes severe vomiting and diarrhoea and animals often need round the clock care for 1-2 weeks.

Please see our fact sheet on Leptospirosis.

Our Vaccine **PROTOCOL** for **DOGS**

We follow the most up to date World Small Animal Veterinary Association guidelines regarding vaccination intervals:

- 1st visit from 8 weeks of age: 1st vaccination – DHP + L4
- 2nd visit 2 weeks later from 10 weeks of age: 2nd part of vaccination – DHP (One week after today your puppy can go outside but on the lead and away from water)
- 3rd Visit, 4 weeks after 1st visit and from 12 weeks of age: Final part of vaccination – L4 (One week after today your puppy can go outside and they are now fully covered)

Boosters are then required annually.

Kennel Cough vaccines (KC) do not form part of the standard core vaccination course but we do feel they are important and recommend this additional vaccine. Kennel Cough is an extremely contagious respiratory infection. It is an air borne bacteria that spreads when dogs come into close or direct contact with each other. The incubation period is roughly between 7-14 days, this is why most boarding kennels and puppy classes will insist on dogs being covered.

