

SUGGESTED VACCINE SCHEDULE For PUPPIES

	3 weeks*	6 weeks	9 weeks	12 weeks	16 weeks	20 weeks
Measles		x				
Distemper		x	x	x	x	x
Parvo		x	x	x	x	x
Corona			x	x		
Adenovirus Type 2		x	x	x	x	x
Parainfluenza		x	x	x	x	x
Leptospirosis				x	x	x
Lyme Disease			x	x		
Giardia			x	x		
Kennel Cough *	x (or older)					
Rabies					x	

*Injectable Kennel Cough Vaccine (i.e. Bronchicine) requires two administrations, 2-4 weeks apart. * An additional 20 week vaccination is recommended for muscular breeds of dogs, i.e. Pit Bulls, Rottweillers, Dobermans.

Mixing Vaccines



1
Aseptically transfer diluent (liquid portion) from the vial to the syringe.



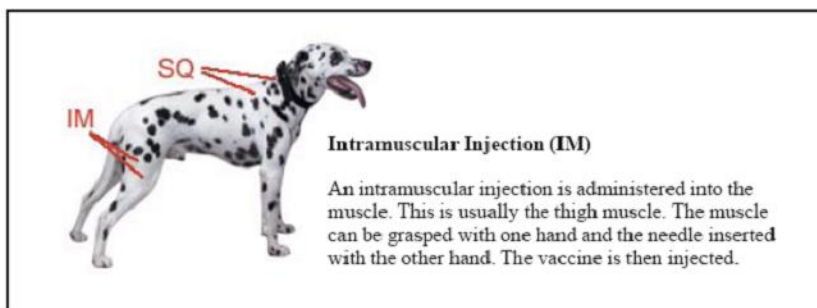
2
Aseptically inject diluent from syringe into the vial containing the freeze-dried vaccines.



3
Mix vaccine by shaking the vial for a few seconds.



4
Aseptically withdraw mixed vaccine from the vial to the injection syringe.



How Often Should I Vaccinate?

There is a growing concern amongst some Veterinarians that dogs and cats are being vaccinated far too often. Manufacturer's vaccination schedules are still satisfactory for most primary vaccinations. The number of actual vaccination injections required for primary immunization will vary depending upon the age of the pet when you first start the vaccinations. In general, two vaccinations given approximately 2 to 3 weeks apart after 12 weeks of age will be sufficient. A booster dose is recommended a year later.

The question that still remains is how often should we booster vaccines after the pet has received their primary immunizations. The answer will vary somewhat due to different reasons such as age, risk of exposure, breed, gender, health status and previous vaccinations. We certainly do not want to under vaccinate our beloved pets, but we also do not want to cause undue stress or possible harm from over-vaccinating them either. **Some Veterinarians are recommending a booster be administered every 3 years rather than annually in adult dogs and cats.**