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Vaccination of individual pet animals is important, not only to protect the individual but to reduce the number of susceptible animals in the regional population and by doing that, reduce the prevalence of disease as a whole.

The more animals in the population that are vaccinated helps to reduce disease outbreaks. That being said, it is not possible to induce a "better" immunity in an individual animal by giving repeated vaccinations.

We also recognize that we should aim to reduce the "vaccine load" on individual animals in order to minimize the potential for adverse reactions to vaccine products. Vaccine Titre testing is available for some, but not all, vaccines. We would be happy to discuss this at your pets Annual Health Examination.

Vaccine protocols should take into consideration each individual animal and their circumstances. Not all animals are equally at risk for every disease that vaccines are meant to protect against. For that reason, some are recommended for all animals, regardless of their circumstances and other vaccines are only recommended depending on the individual's lifestyle. At Steveston Veterinary Hospital, we base our vaccination protocols on the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) Guidelines. These protocols are globally recognized and are based on scientific evidence based medicine. We recommend having an in-depth discussion with your veterinarian to determine which vaccinations your pet requires, and when.



## Vaccine Protocol for Dogs

	1st	2nd	3rd	Booster	Booster	
DHP-P	8 weeks	12 weeks	16 weeks	1 year later	then every 3 years	
Bordetella	8 weeks OR	12 weeks OR	16 weeks	1 year later	then every year	<i>Give every 6 months, if high risk</i>
Rabies			16 weeks	1 year later	then every 3 years	
Leptospirosis	8 weeks AND 12 weeks OR	12 weeks AND 16 weeks		1 year later	then every year	
Lyme		12 weeks AND 16 weeks		1 year later	then every year	
Canine Flu		12 weeks AND 16 weeks		1 year later	then every year	



## Vaccine Protocol for Cats

	1st	2nd	3rd	Booster	Booster
FVRCP	8 weeks	12 weeks	16 weeks	1 year later	then every 3 years
FelV		12 weeks	16 weeks	1 year later	then every 2 years
Rabies			16 weeks	1 year later	then every 1 year