

# Vaccination Release Form for Dogs

**N.C. State law requires** all dogs over 4 months of age to be vaccinated for **rabies**, which is a very deadly disease. They can be vaccinated as young as 3 months and should get their first booster in 1 year. A current rabies vaccination is required for any dog staying at our hospital unless they are sick or injured.

We recommend that all dogs be vaccinated for Canine Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus (**DHPP**) starting between 6 to 8 weeks of age and continuing every 3 to 4 weeks until about 16 weeks of age or 2 vaccinations 2 to 4 weeks apart for dogs 12 weeks and older. Canine Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus (**DHPP**) boosters can be given every 3 years starting 1 year after the initial 2 vaccines. These vaccines are **required for any dog staying at our hospital** unless they are sick or injured. We offer a discounted “puppy program” for the 1st four months vaccinations. Adverse reactions occur in about 5% or less of all dogs vaccinated and may include any one or more of the following: a small lump under the skin or soreness where the vaccine was given, lethargy, fever, mild diarrhea, edema or swelling and itching of the face and ears, slightly raised welts all over or **very rarely** anaphylactic shock and death. Please call us immediately if you notice any signs other than soreness.

**Leptospirosis** is a potentially deadly disease that **can be transmitted to humans** and dogs can get it from exposure to raccoons, farm livestock, rats or mice or by drinking from any water or puddle these animals have been in. We have a vaccine that protects dogs from the 4 most common serovars of leptospirosis and we **strongly recommend** any outdoor dog get the vaccination annually.

**Bordetella “Kennel Cough”** vaccinations are **required by most boarding facilities including our own** and help to protect against this highly contagious though usually not fatal disease. Your dog may develop a mild cough following this vaccination which is in the form of nose drops or injection, though most dogs do not. We recommend at least yearly boosters of the Bordetella vaccine, though studies have shown that it may only be effective for 3 to 6 months. **Canine Influenza Vaccines** are also available which is highly contagious.

We recommend an **annual Heartworm check** and keeping your dog on a heartworm prevention starting at 6 to 9 weeks of age and continuing throughout his/her life. Finally we should **check a fecal sample for worm ova (eggs) annually** or any time your dog has **diarrhea** or you may choose just to deworm your dog every few months to be sure. We may recommend deworming your dog even if the fecal test is negative because sometimes dogs can have worms, especially whipworms and tapeworms and still have negative fecal results. We have even found a couple dogs on monthly Heartworm prevention with intestinal worms.

I give the doctors and staff of Asheboro Animal Hospital permission to perform the following procedures on \_\_\_\_\_:

( **Office Visit Fee Required** )

(DHPP Vac.	Lepto Vac.	Bordetella Vac.	Influenza Vac.	Rabies Vac.	Heartworm Test	Deworm	Signature	Date
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