

– **Client Handout**

Vaccination for dogs may vary a little between veterinarians. This is our routine.

There are three potentially lethal viral diseases which may affect dogs in Australia – **Distemper**, **Hepatitis** and **Parvovirus**. None is infectious to humans, only to other dogs. Vaccination is two or three doses of injections, one month apart. The number of doses depends on how old your puppy is and what level of risk there is that he might come on contact with these diseases. We will advise you.

In addition, **canine cough** (a combination of canine parainfluenza and a bacterial secondary infection called *Bordetella*) causes a nasty cold with a hacking cough. Just like in humans, a vaccination every year helps to prevent this dog flu (it used to be known as “kennel cough” because it was rampant in boarding kennels – hopefully with vaccination your dog will never experience it).

The boosters become less regular as your dog ages. We will advise you when we think it is better that we cut down on your dog’s vaccinations.

There is no rabies in dogs in Australia. If you intend to travel overseas, please let us know so we can get your dog’s traveling vaccinations sorted out.

If your dog goes to a holiday house in the country, he may need a *Leptospirosis* vaccination (contagion from rats). Please ask us for advice.

Vaccination certificates are required for dogs going into boarding kennels or training. We can also provide confirmation of vaccination over the phone on your request.

We will always try and remind you when your dog is due for vaccination. If you are unsure, please call us.