



# Vaccinating your rabbit

Here at PPVH, we strongly recommend immunising your rabbit against viral disease. Rabbit Calicivirus and Myxoma virus were introduced to Australia to help control the wild rabbit population. There is no vaccine for Myxoma virus, however an immunisation protocol for Rabbit Calicivirus is available. Calicivirus causes rabbit haemorrhagic disease which is usually fatal, so it is important you immunise your furry friend.

## Ideal Schedule:

<b>Age</b>	<b>Recommended Treatment</b>
10 weeks	Baby vaccine # 1 (Calicivirus)
12 weeks	Baby vaccine # 2 (Calicivirus)
12 months later	Calicivirus booster
Annually for life	Calicivirus booster

- > Rabbits are not considered immune until they have received both vaccines in the initial series
- > The AVA recommends breeding adult rabbits have boosters every six months
- > Veterinarians cannot administer vaccines without giving the animal a full physical examination first
- > Myxomatosis is spread by mosquitos. The best protection for your rabbit is to control insect levels in its environment and, ideally, keeping them inside
- > Understand that vaccinations should be used in conjunction with parasite prevention to best protect your pet from infectious disease