



# Vaccinating your dog

Here at PPVH, we strongly recommend immunising your dog against viral disease.

Vaccinations help your dog build immunity to the most prevalent and debilitating canine diseases (listed below). Once a puppy series is complete a C3 vaccine is administered on a triennial schedule. In addition, your dog should be vaccinated annually against canine kennel cough. This is considered the minimum standard in Australia. Depending on your dog's lifestyle, they may require additional immunisations. Ask one of our veterinarians for more information.

Recommended Schedule:

Age	Recommended Treatment
6 – 8 weeks	Puppy vaccine # 1 (C3)
10 – 12 weeks	Puppy vaccine # 2 (C5)
14-16 weeks	Puppy vaccine # 3 (C3)
Annually	Canine cough vaccine
Triennially	C3

## **C3 covers:**

- > Canine distemper virus – highly contagious, causes incurable disease affecting multiple organ systems
- > Canine adenovirus – highly contagious, affects the upper respiratory tract first before progressing to systemic disease
- > Canine parvovirus – highly contagious, most commonly causes gastrointestinal disease (vomiting and diarrhoea), however, can also cause heart disease.

## **The Canine Cough vaccine covers:**

- > *Bordetella bronchiseptica* and canine parainfluenza virus – both cause “kennel cough”

## **C5 Vaccine = C3 + Canine Cough vaccine combined**

## **C7 vaccine = C5 + Leptospirosis (often shortened to Lepto)**

> Leptospirosis is an often fatal bacterial infection, the bacteria may be present in the urine of rats. There's an increased risk where high rat populations exist. Incidence can increase after long periods of wet weather. Dogs may be at risk if this bacteria enters their body via cuts or abrasions, or occasionally through the membranes of the mouth, nose or eyes.

Leptospirosis is a zoonotic disease, meaning that it can be a potential risk to people.

- Puppies are not considered immune until they have received all three vaccines in the puppy series.
- Veterinarians cannot administer vaccines without giving the animal a full physical examination first.
- Understand that vaccinations should be used in conjunction with parasite prevention to protect your pet from infectious disease best.
- Proheart's annual heartworm prevention injection is **not** a vaccine; however, you may find it convenient to synchronise this with your pet's annual vaccinations.
- We are more than happy to provide vaccination certificates upon request.