

North Iredell Animal Hospital Wellness & Required/Recommended Vaccines for Cats/Dogs

*All vaccines with asterisk are required/highly recommended!

Dogs/Cats: * **Rabies:** A severe, fatal, viral neurological disease of all warm-blooded animals, including humans. Given at 12 weeks or older. This vaccine is **REQUIRED** by NC LAW.

Dogs/Puppies:

*DA2PPV+L4 (Series of 3-4 vaccines from 6-16weeks of age.)

Leptospirosis: A bacterial disease which can affect both liver and kidneys. This can be characterized by signs of fever, anorexia, gastrointestinal signs, reproductive signs or abortion, respiratory signs, or chronic renal failure. This can be spread to humans. The organism is shed in urine and they can live in soil or water. We vaccinate for 4 types of Lepto including canicola, grippotyphosa, icterohaemorrhagiae and Pomona.

***Bordetella:** (Start 2 oral series @ 9weeks of age) A bacteria which can cause infection canine tracheobronchitis or kennel cough in dogs. Characterized by coughing. Dogs often have a recent history of being boarded, groomed or at a shelter. Spread by aerosol and highly contagious. Any dog with suspect kennel cough should be evaluated outside the clinic or in an isolated area. Highly recommended for those who will be boarding, grooming or in training facilities. NIAH Bordetella vaccines are an oral vaccine that we suggest is given twice a year, due to the immunity dropping sooner than other vaccines. To board at NIAH you must have the Bordetella vaccination.

***Lyme:** A disease caused by a spirochete and transmitted by ticks. Characterized by acute lameness, anorexia, depression and may develop cardiac, neurological or kidney disease. Can also occur in humans.

Puppy Visits:

- 1st Puppy Exam with a Fecal, Deworming and the Distemper with Lepto vaccine.
- 2nd Visit physical exam(if necessary), deworming/preventative, 2nd Distemper with Lepto vaccine and if 9 weeks Bordetella.
- 3rd Visit Distemper with Lepto vaccine and Bordetella Booster.
- 4th Visit last Distemper with Lepto and a Rabies vaccine (required by law)

Dog vaccines are done annually, Bordetella is the only vaccine given every six months.

Cats/Kittens:

*FVRCP: Prevention of viral infections, upper respiratory infections and other fatal infections that may occur

*FELV: A virus that causes immunodeficiency and cancer. This virus can be spread by bites, close casual contact, shared dishes or litter pans. Our policy is to test all new kittens at the age of 8 weeks or older. We recommend that all cats are tested that are new kittens, new to a house-hold or if there is a question of exposure to a positive cat.

*FIV: A virus similar to HIV in humans which causes immunodeficiency in cats. In a combo test with FeLV we begin testing in cats 8 weeks or older. There for we recommend that all cats are tested that are new kittens, new to a house-hold or if there is a question of exposure to a positive cat. A vaccine is available and is thought to be 60-80% effective. All cats which have been vaccinated with the vaccine will subsequently test positive on any screening test. Our policy is only to vaccinate animals whom share a household with a FIV positive cat. The vaccine is given as 3 boosters 2-3 weeks apart and yearly thereafter. We DO NOT carry this vaccine in stock it needs to be special ordered.

Kitten Visits:

- FELV/FIV testing is repeated in life if there is an exposure or if the pet was tested too early in life.
- 1st Kitten Shots @ 8-9weeks with FVRCP/FELV + Fecal and deworming
- 2nd Kitten Shots @ 11-12 weeks with FVRCP/FELV and Rabies (required by law)

Cat vaccinations are repeated yearly unless your cat is a totally indoor animal and then you and Dr. Hubbs can decide the alternate option.

Dr. Hubbs and her team start kittens or unknown vaccinated cats with a series of vaccines after being tested for FELV/FIV. We start puppies or unknown vaccinated dogs with a series of vaccines as well. Puppies start their vaccines at 6 weeks of age and kittens start at 8 weeks of age as the natural immunity from the mother is decreasing. Boosters are given ever 2.5-3 weeks until 16 weeks.

We always recommend that you microchip your pet in case of an escape.