

Recommended Vaccines

Drs. Foster & Smith Educational Staff

We recommend that you take your puppy or adult dog to a veterinarian for an initial exam. During that exam, you might ask what diseases your dog should be vaccinated for. Some criteria your veterinarian may use include:

- *If your dog will have little contact with other dogs or wildlife*, your veterinarian will probably suggest your dog receive a simple [5-way vaccine](#).
- *If your dog will be exposed to other dogs or animals*, your veterinarian may suggest your dog receive a [9-way vaccine](#).
- *Your veterinarian will be aware if Canine Coronavirus is a problem in your area*, in which case she may recommend either a [5-way](#) or a [9-way](#) with Coronavirus vaccine.
- *If you live in an area where there are ticks*, your veterinarian may suggest a [Lyme vaccine](#). [Topical flea and tick prevention](#) will help further protect your dog from ticks.
- *If your dog will be spending time in kennels or around other dogs for any length of time, or you will be traveling with your dog*, your veterinarian may suggest a [Bordetella vaccine](#), which protects against certain types of tracheobronchitis, formerly known as kennel cough.

Once your veterinarian has performed the initial physical exam, you may decide to [administer the vaccines yourself](#). But remember, your dog needs a health check-up at least annually, and by law, a rabies vaccine, which must be administered by a licensed veterinarian.