

Vaccination Protocol by W. Jean Dodds, DVM

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NOTE: This schedule is the one I recommend and should NOT be interpreted to mean that other protocols recommended by a veterinarian would be less satisfactory. It's a matter of professional judgement and choice.

For breeds or families of dogs susceptible to or effected with immune dysfunction, immune-mediated disease, immune-reactions associated with vaccinations, or autoimmune endocrine disease (e.g., thyroiditis, Addison's or Cushing's disease, diabetes, etc.), the following protocol is recommended:

Age of Pups	Vaccine Type
9 weeks	MLV Distemper/Parvovirus only (e.g. Intervet Progard Puppy)
12 weeks	MLV Distemper/Parvovirus only (e.g. Intervet Progard Puppy)
16-20 weeks	MLV Distemper/Parvovirus only (e.g. Intervet Progard Puppy)
Total of 3 doses ONLY	

24 weeks or older, if allowable by law
 1 year
 1 year (give 3-4 weeks apart from Dist/Parvo booster)
 Killed Rabies Vaccine
 MLV Distemper/Parvovirus only booster
 Killed 3 year rabies vaccine

MLV=modified-live virus

After 1 year, annually measure serum antibody titers against specific canine infectious agents such as distemper and parvovirus. This is especially recommended for animals previously experiencing adverse vaccine reactions or breeds at higher risk for such reactions (e.g., Weimaraner, Akita, American Eskimo, Great Dane). Another alternative to booster vaccinations is homeopathic nosodes. This option is considered an unconventional treatment that has not been scientifically proven to be efficacious. One controlled parvovirus nosode study did not adequately protect puppies under challenged conditions. However, data from Europe and clinical experience in North America support its use. If veterinarians choose to use homeopathic nosodes, their clients should be provided with an appropriate disclaimer and written informed consent should be obtained.

I use only killed 3 year rabie vaccine for adults and give it separated from other vaccines by 3-4 weeks. In some states, they may be able to give titer result in lieu of booster.

I do NOT use **Bordetella, corona virus, leptospirosis or Lyme vaccines** unless these diseases are endemic in the local area pr specific kennel. Furthermore, the currently licensed leptospira bacterins do not contain the serovars causing the majority of clinical leptospirosis today.

I do NOT recommend vaccinating bitches during estrus, pregnancy or lactation

