



Canine Vaccines Available at Ely Veterinary Care

Core Vaccines:

Rabies – Protects against a fatal zoonotic virus and is required by Nevada State Law. Can be given as early as 12 weeks of age, but Ely Veterinary Care (EVC) recommends this vaccine be given at 16 weeks of age. If your pet has an unknown rabies vaccine history, the vaccine will be given, then boosted one year later. Once the annual booster is given, it will be administered every three years thereafter.

Distemper, Adenovirus, Parainfluenza, and Parvovirus (DAPP) – Often referred to as “a 4-way” or a “puppy booster.” This vaccine is intended to defend against upper respiratory viruses and parvovirus, a serious gastrointestinal condition common among unvaccinated puppies. We recommend giving this vaccine at 8, 12, and 16 weeks of age with an annual booster, then every three years thereafter. If your pet has an unknown DAPP vaccine history, the vaccine will be given, then boosted 3-4 weeks later, then 1 year later. After the annual booster, the DAPP vaccine will be administered every 3 years.

Elective Lifestyle Vaccines:

Bordetella – This vaccine is recommended for dogs which frequent boarding facilities, groom shops, dog parks, and other areas in which many dogs visit on a regular basis. Bordetella is a highly contagious bacteria spread via aerosol secretions. At EVC, we carry the oral form of the Bordetella vaccine. We prefer to give this vaccine to dogs 12 weeks of age or older, and it must be boosted yearly, although some boarding or grooming facilities may require this vaccine be given every 6 months.

Canine Influenza Virus (CIV) – As with the Bordetella vaccine, the CIV vaccine is intended for dogs who often go to high volume canine facilities or travel to places where they may contact several other canines. CIV is spread through airborne secretions and is a highly contagious virus. This vaccine is sometimes required by grooming or boarding facilities and can be given as early as 12 weeks of age with a booster needed in 3-4 weeks, then yearly thereafter.

Leptospirosis (Lepto) – The Lepto vaccine is beneficial for dogs who spend a significant amount of time near lakes, rivers, streams, or stagnant bodies of water where wildlife frequent. Leptospirosis is caused by a bacteria that is present in the urine of infected animals, especially wildlife, and can cause significant harm to your dog’s kidneys and liver, sometimes resulting in death. The Lepto vaccine can be given to dogs at 12 weeks of age with a booster needed in 3-4 weeks, then yearly thereafter.

Rattlesnake – For dogs who are frequently outdoors, especially in high-desert rattlesnake habitat. The rattlesnake vaccine works by helping your dog create antibodies against rattlesnake venom, which helps to lessen the reaction caused by a potential rattlesnake bite. Whether vaccinated with the rattlesnake vaccine or not, it is recommended to seek medical attention for your dog in the event of a rattlesnake bite. This vaccine can be given to dogs 16 weeks of age or older, boosted 3-4 weeks later, then given annually in the Spring thereafter.