

Vaccination schedule

[as recommended by The Australian Veterinary Association](#)

The vaccinations are split into 2 parts,

- “core” vaccines which are distemper, hepatitis and parvovirus (C3)
- “non-core” vaccines which are Parainfluenza 2 virus and Bordetella bacterial vaccine which together make up the “canine cough” vaccine.

When protection is being provided by both “core” & “non-core” vaccines (i.e. C3 plus canine cough vaccine), it is called a C5 vaccination. C5 is the recommended level of vaccination. Recommended schedules are:

Puppies : 1st vaccination at 6 to 8 weeks (C3),

2nd vaccination at 12 weeks (C5),

3rd vaccination at 16 weeks (C3)*,

1st annual vaccination at 15 months

**Some vaccines are registered for completion in puppies at 10 weeks. This may mean the third vaccination in puppies is not required however this decision should be made in conjunction with your veterinarian taking into account local disease prevalence.*

Adults: C3 vaccination every 3 years*

plus Canine Cough vaccination every year

** In June 2009 the Australian Veterinary Association adopted a new policy on vaccination of dogs and cats to reflect the latest scientific literature recommending less frequent vaccination for adult cats and dogs.*

The policy states that once puppies and kittens have received a full course of vaccines, they may only require triennial (rather than annual) vaccination for core diseases. You should check with your vet if this is true in your dog's case.

Your dog will still need an annual canine cough vaccination to confer C5 level protection.