

# CANINE VACCINATION PROTOCOL – 2005

## MINIMAL VACCINE USE

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**Note:** The following vaccine protocol is offered for those dogs where minimal vaccinations are advisable or desirable. The schedule is 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 judgment and choice.

| <b>Age of Pups</b>                     | <b>Vaccine Type</b>   |
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| 9 - 10 weeks                           | Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV (e.g. Intervet Progard Puppy DPV)                                 |
| 14 weeks                               | Same as above   |
| 16 -18 weeks (optional)                | Same as above   |
| 20 weeks or older, if allowable by law | Rabies  |
| 1 year                                 | Distemper + Parvovirus, MLV   |
| 1 year                                 | Rabies, killed 3-year product (give 3-4 weeks <i>apart</i> from distemper/parvovirus booster) |

Perform vaccine antibody titers for distemper and parvovirus annually thereafter. Vaccinate for rabies virus according to the law, except where circumstances indicate that a written waiver needs to be obtained from the primary care veterinarian. In that case, a rabies antibody titer can also be performed to accompany the waiver request.

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