

Puppy Vaccination Checklist

A checklist to help new puppy owners follow the typical vaccine series, track each shot, and stay on schedule with their veterinarian.

Before the First Visit

- ☐ Confirm your puppy's age and any breeder records
- ☐ Gather paperwork on shots already given
- ☐ Note your puppy's weight and overall health
- ☐ Write down questions about diet, parasites, and care
- ☐ Book the first vet visit soon after bringing puppy home

Ask your vet to set the right start date for your puppy

Around 6 to 8 Weeks

- ☐ First distemper and parvovirus combination as advised
- ☐ General health and weight check with your vet
- ☐ Discuss a deworming and parasite plan
- ☐ Ask about nutrition and the right puppy food
- ☐ Record the date and set the next appointment

Timing varies by region and vet, so confirm your puppy's schedule

Around 10 to 12 Weeks

- ☐ Second combination booster as recommended
- ☐ Discuss lifestyle vaccines like bordetella or leptospirosis
- ☐ Continue the deworming or parasite plan
- ☐ Review early socialization and training questions
- ☐ Log the visit and confirm the next due date

Around 14 to 16+ Weeks

- ☐ Final combination booster of the puppy series
- ☐ Rabies vaccine where required by law or your vet
- ☐ Confirm when adult boosters will next be due
- ☐ Discuss spay or neuter timing if relevant
- ☐ Ask when it is safe to socialize and walk in public

Vets differ on exact timing, so follow your vet's guidance

After Each Shot

- ☐ Watch for mild soreness, tiredness, or low appetite
- ☐ Note any swelling, vomiting, or distress to report
- ☐ Give your puppy a calm place to rest
- ☐ Update the record and set the next reminder
- ☐ Keep a copy ready for training classes or boarding

Contact your vet promptly if you see a strong reaction

Records & Next Steps

- ☐ Keep a running log of each vaccine and date
- ☐ Save batch numbers and the clinic that gave each shot

- ☐ Register and confirm your puppy's microchip details
- ☐ Plan the first adult booster visit
- ☐ Store a digital backup of the full puppy record

Important

- ☐ This checklist is general information for owners, not veterinary advice; puppy vaccine schedules vary by region and vet, so always consult a licensed veterinarian

For any reaction or emergency, contact your vet or an emergency animal hospital immediately