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