

FACTS ABOUT VACCINATIONS

- Vaccinations are dead, inactive, or modified disease agents that cause the immune system to produce antibodies and “memory cells” specific to the disease.
- Vaccination is the best way to prepare a pet’s immune system to stop infections when the “real” disease strikes.
- The benefits of vaccination greatly outweigh the risks.
- Vaccines have saved the lives of millions upon millions of cats and dogs.

TODAY’S CANINE DISEASE THREATS

Enteric Diseases:

- Parvovirus/Coronavirus

Respiratory Diseases:

- Distemper
- Hepatitis
- Parainfluenza
- Kennel Cough

Vector-Borne Diseases:

- Lyme Disease
- Ehrlichia Canis
- West Nile

Water-Borne Diseases:

- Leptospirosis
- Giardia

Zoonotic Diseases:

- Rabies
- Leptospirosis
- Giardia

There are many ways for pets to be exposed to disease-causing organisms. Healthy appearing animals can spread viruses and bacteria. You could unknowingly carry disease-causing organisms to a pet on hands, clothing, or shoes. When such exposures occur, a pet’s immune system needs to be

prepared. Vaccinating your pet as recommended by your veterinarian can protect him/her from serious illness or death.