### **Dog Vaccinations Frequently Asked Questions**

#### 1. How many vaccinations does my puppy need?

We offer puppies a course of three vaccinations. They are given at 8-10, 12 and 16 weeks of age.

#### 2. How soon can my puppy socialise after having their vaccinations?

The vaccinations are affective one week after the second vaccination.

#### 3. What should I vaccinate my dog against?

We recommend annual vaccination for dogs, the vaccine we offer covers against:

- Parvovirus
- Parainfluenza
- Distemper
- Adenovirus
- Leptospirosis (four different strains)

We also offer dogs a vaccination to cover against Kennel cough. This is a liquid the is given up the nose, we recommend that dogs who regularly walk with others are given this.

#### 4. Does my dog have to be vaccinated every year?

Yes – puppies do not gain lifetime immunity from their initial vaccination course. Under our current vaccine protocol, dogs receive a full booster every second year, in the interim years, hey receive a booster with the vaccines that they require annually. Virus's have the ability to change, so regular vaccinations will ensure your dog is covered for emerging strains.

## 5. My dog has missed its annual booster, what should I do?

If your dog has been unvaccinated for less than two years, only one vaccine required to regain immunity. However, if your dog has been unvaccinated for more than 2 years, they will need a course of two vaccinations 4 weeks apart.

# **6.** Can my dog have an annual booster at the same appointment as a Kennel Cough vaccination? Yes, these can be given on the same day.

## 7. Is it a legal requirement for my dog to be vaccinated?

No, it is not a legal requirement for dogs to be vaccinated in the UK. However, your dog may not be accepted to a kennels without its vaccinations being up to date. Dogs cannot travel abroad without annual vaccinations and your dog's insurance policy may be affected if you do not ensure your dog is up to date with its vaccinations.