



Our Vaccinations Service

We aim, in all cases, to administer a primary vaccination course to your pet. This follows a full health check of your animal and a discussion about any concerns you may have. We have seen cases of canine parvo virus, distemper, and leptospirosis, feline panleucopaenia, flu and leukaemia in the last 12 months. These diseases are still 'out there' and it is wise to get your pet protected.

Once the primary vaccination course is complete (at around 14-16 months of age for most pets) ongoing vaccination protocols will be discussed. We know that not everyone wants to get their pet injected with vaccines on an annual basis for many different reasons, and we would wish to discuss this sensibly with you and do the right thing for your pet.

This decision will be based on:

- ↪ The health of your pet.
- ↪ Previous vaccination history (including any history of adverse reactions).
- ↪ Lifestyle of your pet – are they indoors only, rural vs city lifestyle, regular visitor to kennels or day care, social or antisocial, whether you are travelling abroad with your pet – there are many things to consider.
- ↪ Your own personal philosophy and attitude to risk.

We aim, at all times, to treat your pet as an individual and do what is right for them and you.

We offer a very competitive **antibody titre testing service** – we can check to see if your dog or cat has produced protective antibodies to the major infectious diseases, this can give us an important indication with regard to whether vaccination is recommended.

We have seen an increase in cases of **canine leptospirosis** in recent months and have chosen to use the new L4 leptospirosis vaccine for dogs – we can give you more information about this disease on request.

Our advice regarding vaccinations is based on the best scientific evidence available; we refer to the World Small Animal Veterinary Association Vaccine Guidelines at www.wsava.org and www.abcd-vets.org.