

# Guidelines at a Glance

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## Communication is Key



Some clients feel anxious about giving vaccines to their dogs. It's important to talk to clients about the need for vaccines to protect their dogs from disease.



Vaccines also protect against diseases that can be passed from dogs to humans and are crucial for public health.



When the whole veterinary team is onboard with vaccine protocols, clients receive consistent messaging.

## What's Core for This Dog?



Check out our vaccine calculator at [aaha.org/canine-vaccinations](https://aaha.org/canine-vaccinations)

## Vaccinating Dogs in Shelters



Dogs in shelters are more likely to be exposed to infectious diseases, and vaccine protocols should reflect this enhanced risk.



See the *2022 AAHA Canine Vaccination Guidelines* at [aaha.org/canine-vaccinations](https://aaha.org/canine-vaccinations) for information on designing vaccine plans for shelter dogs.

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### 3 Takeaways



All dogs should have the following **core** vaccines:

- Distemper
- Adenovirus
- Parvovirus
- +/- Parainfluenza (often included in combination vaccines)
- Rabies



Other vaccines are **just as essential** to an individual dog's health, depending on the dog's lifestyle and risk factors. These include:

- Leptospira (should be considered for **most dogs** based on increased prevalence)
- Lyme disease
- Bordetella
- Canine influenza
- Rattlesnake toxoid



Vaccination plans start with the required vaccines for all dogs, but you determine what additional vaccines are necessary for each of your patients.



The *2022 AAHA Canine Vaccination Guidelines* empower you to make the best possible personalized vaccine recommendations for your patients based on their lifestyle and exposure risks.

### 2 Actions

For every dog, ask: **What's "core" for this patient?**



Remember, **core vaccines are required for all dogs**, but other vaccines should also be considered "required" for certain dogs. Vaccine plans **should be personalized and based on risk levels and good clinical judgement**.



Train your team to talk to clients about vaccines and why they are a vital part of their dog's health plan.

### 1 Thing to Never Forget



When vaccines are overdue or unknown, consider that the benefits of vaccinating outweigh the risks in most cases. A good rule of thumb is: **When in doubt, vaccinate.**

