

TOBY TOWN RVA

A Quick Guide to
Vaccines




WHAT DO VACCINES DO?

Vaccines protect dogs from potentially fatal diseases. Keeping dogs up to date on their vaccines ensures that their immune system is prepared.



WHY DOES TOBY TOWN REQUIRE VACCINES?



Whenever your dog goes anywhere outside of your house, they enter into a social situation. This includes dog parks, pet food stores, veterinarian offices, and especially a daycare or staycare facility like Toby Town. As with humans, entering a social situation introduces your dog to germs. In order to keep your dog best protected from these germs, certain vaccines are administered.

Your veterinarian is the best source of information regarding pet vaccines though not all vets agree on all courses of treatment. There is no one vaccination schedule for puppies, but all puppies should be receiving the correct vaccines before they are 16 weeks old as decided by your vet. At Toby Town, we have spoken with vets in the area and done research to come up with the list of core vaccines we require for a pet to attend our facility. We do this in the best interest of the group as a whole. Again, as with humans, vaccines do not always completely prevent an illness, but they do protect from it and, in many cases, reduce the severity and duration of an illness if it is contracted.



WHAT ARE THE CORE VACCINES FOR ADMISSION TO TOBY TOWN?

Toby Town requires that all dogs are up to date on Bordetella, Distemper combination, and Rabies vaccines. The Canine Influenza vaccine is strongly encouraged but currently not required. We have provided some quick facts about each of them on the next page!



BORDETELLA (AKA VANGUARD RAPID RESP 3, INTRA-TRAC, OR C.I.R.D.)

- The name of this vaccine can be confusing as there are many things that can cause the symptoms of canine cough, not just the Bordetella bacteria. Most 'canine cough' vaccines will protect dogs from a few virus strains in addition to the bacteria Bordetella.
- Canine cough (sometimes referred to as kennel cough) is scientifically known as canine infectious tracheobronchitis. It is easily spread from dog to dog through water bowls, toys, air, surfaces, etc. (similar to how the common cold is transferred in a classroom).
- It may take 5 to 14 days for symptoms to show, which is what makes it so spreadable. Most common symptoms include non-productive, persistent cough, sneezing, runny nose, lack of energy, and decreased appetite.
- Canine cough, though easily spreadable, is usually very treatable. Younger dogs, senior dogs, and dogs with compromised immune systems may suffer more serious symptoms. Contact your vet for the proper medications for your dog's symptoms and keep your dog away from daycare and other dogs if he/she is showing symptoms.
- The Bordetella vaccine can be given every 6 or 12 months either intranasally or by injection depending on your vet's practice. Toby Town requires the Bordetella vaccine every 12 months.

DISTEMPER COMBINATION VACCINE (CAN BE CALLED DHPP, DHLPP, DA2PP, DA2PP-C, OR DAPP)

- This vaccine has many abbreviations as different vets use different combinations to protect your dog from serious, sometimes deadly diseases. These include Distemper, Parvovirus, Hepatitis, Adenovirus, Leptospirosis, and Parainfluenza.
- After initial puppy vaccines and boosters are complete, these vaccines are given in one year or three year doses.
- Dogs can receive a titer test for Distemper when they are older or if a vet determines a dog has an allergy to the vaccine. This is tested by their vet and a certificate/proof of titer test needs to be provided (these are good usually for one year).

RABIES VACCINE

- The Rabies Vaccine is required by Law.
- Given every one or three years (both are accepted at TTRVA)
- Usually, the first shot is given to puppies between 12 weeks and 16 weeks
- There is no titer test for Rabies



CANINE INFLUENZA

- Toby Town does not currently require this vaccine, though that could change in the future if more cases become common in our area. While not required, this vaccine is strongly suggested as the flu can be debilitating and sometimes deadly for dogs.
- H3N8 and H3N2 are available. It is a yearly vaccine.
- Canine Influenza is highly contagious.