Which vaccines are required during Overnight Boarding?

**We reserve the right to accept or reject your pet from any of our services depending upon our review of its vaccination status.**

Vaccinations required for boarding *MUST* be given no later than 10-14 days prior to boarding to insure adequate immunity status.  \*Animals will also be checked for fleas and ticks. If external parasites are found, pets will be treated at the owner’s expense.

**Additionally, we only accept boarding of animals from existing clientele.**

• Bordetella (kennel cough) required yearly

• Rabies (either 1- or 3-year vaccine accepted)

• Distemper or Distemper combo shots such as DHPP or DHLPP (either 1- or 3-year vaccine accepted)

• Canine Flu (must cover both H3N2 and H3N8 strains) This vaccine isn’t mandatory at this time, but we reserve the right to enforce it later

If your dog is still a young puppy, please note that we cannot accept puppies until they are fully vaccinated for all of the vaccines listed above, with no boosters left to receive. This means all vaccine series are complete, and all required vaccines have an expiration date of at least one year from the date given. Typically, the soonest that these vaccines can all be completed is by 16 weeks of age. *While your puppy may be cleared by us for contact with other dogs and to be in public spaces safely after a certain number of booster shots, your puppy must meet these requirements before boarding.*

**Distemper**

Distemper may appear on your records as just that, or in a combo shot such as DHPP or DHLPP. These shots cover canine distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parainfluenza and parvovirus.

**Bordetella**

Bordetella Vaccine: intranasal (PREFERRED), We prefer the intranasal form of the vaccine over the oral form as it preforms quicker to the needed area.

**Canine Flu**

There are two different strains of canine flu, and we require vaccination coverage for both strains. Important things to note are:

* Some veterinarians offer one vaccine that covers both strains while other vets administer a different vaccine for each strain.
* Full vaccination requires an initial shot with a booster following soon thereafter. We cannot accept you dog until they have had both the initial shot and the booster.
* A fully vaccinated dog can still become infected by canine flu.

Canine flu is a relatively new, highly contagious, respiratory disease in dogs that started in the East Coast and is moving west. Many cases have been reported in the San Francisco area and two cases have been confirmed this year in Washington State. Infected dogs may have typical ‘flu’ symptoms such as fever, cough, sneezing, nasal discharge, lethargy, and loss of appetite. Most dogs recover in two or three weeks, but more severe and even fatal cases have occurred.

Dogs have no natural immunity. Canine flu symptoms are similar but more severe than kennel cough which has been around for a long time. For [more information](https://www.cdc.gov/flu/other/canine-flu/)

**Vaccine Effectiveness**

The canine flu and the Bordetella (kennel cough) vaccines may reduce the severity of the illnesses and may reduce but will not eliminate the possibility of a dog catching either canine flu or kennel cough. With both illnesses, dogs are contagious for two and three days before showing any symptoms so detection of contagious dogs prior to arrival cannot be assured.

**Feline Vaccinations**

**Feline Leukemia**

1 year or 3-year vaccine accepted

**Rabies** 1 year vaccine accepted

**FVRCP** 1 year vaccine accepted  
covers feline rhinotracheitis, calicivirus and panleukopenia.