



Vaccination and Health Requirements

The following are required to obtain services at GoDog.

Vaccination Requirements

Vaccination Schedule

GoDog follows the [American Animal Hospital Association's](#) guidelines below for vaccination.

Vaccination	Initial Vaccination		Revaccination
	Dogs 16 Weeks or Younger	Dogs over 16 Weeks	
DHPP	3 doses between 6 and 16 weeks, 2-4 weeks apart	2 doses, 2-4 weeks apart	A single dose within 1 year following the last dose in the initial vaccination series. A booster every 3 years.
Rabies	As required by law		
Bordetella	Intranasal or oral: Administer a single dose. Injectable: Two doses, 2-4 weeks apart.		A booster annually.

This table is adapted from the American Animal Hospital Association's vaccine guidelines.

Adult Dogs (older than 16 weeks)

All adult dogs (older than 16 weeks) must be up to date on all GoDog required vaccines in order to board or participate in daycare at GoDog. Being "up to date" means that your dog has received an initial series of these vaccines and any necessary boosters no less than seven (7) days prior to coming to GoDog and that your dog is *not overdue* for any of these vaccines.

Required GoDog vaccinations include **DHPP (aka DA2PP, DHLPP), Bordetella, and Rabies.**

We do accept a Titer lab report with appropriate level results from licensed veterinarians for the Distemper vaccine. If utilizing a Titer, the report must be submitted annually in lieu of a vaccination record.

Note: The Canine Influenza vaccination is not required, but it is highly recommended.

Puppies (12-16 weeks old)

All puppies 12 weeks and older must have met the GoDog puppy vaccination requirements in order to board or participate in daycare. All vaccinations must be administered AT LEAST seven (7) days prior to coming to GoDog.

Puppy vaccination requirements include:

- **Boarding: Two rounds of DHPP 2-4 weeks apart, Bordetella.** Plus a 7-day waiting period post vaccination.
 - **Rabies:** Rabies vaccination must be administered once a puppy is 16 weeks of age, but does not prevent the puppy from boarding prior to Rabies vaccination.
- **Daycare: Three rounds of DHPP 2-4 weeks apart, Bordetella, Rabies.** Plus a 7-day waiting period post vaccination.

Documentation

Please be prepared to show GoDog a vaccination record from your veterinarian that clearly indicates when your dog's next vaccinations are due.

If we do not have an up-to-date vaccination record, your dog will not be permitted to participate in daycare or board until the vaccination requirements have been met.

Health Requirements

Spay/Neuter

We happily board intact dogs, and encourage owners to spay/neuter your dog, while following the advice of your vet about when to spay and neuter your dog. If your dog is intact, you must sign an Intact Waiver prior to boarding at GoDog. Dogs who are 6 months and older must be spayed or neutered to participate in daycare.

After a dog has been spayed/neutered, you must wait 14 days before your dog can participate in daycare or board at GoDog; no external sutures can be present at time of the dog's visit.

No female dogs currently in heat can participate in daycare or board at GoDog. If a female dog goes into heat while boarding, they must be picked up by a local contact that same day. After a female's heat cycle ends, you must wait 14 days for a dog to board at GoDog.

Vaccine Overview

DHPP

The DHPP vaccine protects dogs against five highly contagious viral diseases, some of which can cause severe illness and may be fatal: distemper, canine adenovirus-1 (CAV-1), canine adenovirus-2 (CAV-2), parainfluenza, and parvovirus. (This vaccine also goes by other names: 5-in-1 vaccine, DA2PP, and DAPP).

Distemper

The distemper virus is spread via respiratory droplets and contact with contaminated surfaces, such as food bowls. It affects multiple body systems, including the respiratory and digestive systems. Dogs with distemper have symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory signs, and neurologic signs. Distemper, if left untreated, is often fatal, especially in puppies and older dogs with weak immune systems.

CAV-1

Canine adenovirus type 1 (CAV-1) causes infectious canine hepatitis, which is progressive and can be fatal. It is spread through the urine, feces, and saliva of infected dogs. It causes fever, liver disease, and blood clotting disorders, and can, potentially cause permanent organ damage.

CAV-2

Canine adenovirus type 2 (CAV-2) is less severe than the other viruses in the DHPP vaccine. It is associated with kennel cough, causing such symptoms as a hacking cough, fever, and nasal discharge. The virus is spread through respiratory droplets.

Parainfluenza

Parainfluenza is spread through respiratory droplets and causes flu-like symptoms (coughing, fever, nasal discharge). However, it is not related to the canine influenza virus.

Parvovirus

The parvovirus attacks the delicate lining of the digestive system, causing vomiting, foul-smelling and bloody diarrhea, and life-threatening dehydration from fluid loss. Puppies are especially susceptible to parvo, which is fatal if left untreated. The virus is hardy and stubbornly

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resistant to disinfectants. Parvovirus is spread by direct dog-to-dog contact and contact with contaminated feces (stool), environments, or people.

Rabies

While wildlife are much more likely to be rabid than are domestic animals in the United States, people have much more contact with domestic animals than with wildlife. Your pets and other domestic animals can be infected when they are bitten by rabid wild animals, and this type of “spillover” increases the risk to people.

Keeping your pets up to date on their rabies vaccination will prevent them from acquiring the disease from wildlife, and thereby prevent possible transmission to your family or other people.

Bordetella

Bordetella bronchiseptica causes inflammation of a dog’s upper respiratory tract. This inflammation leads to coughing and illness and can expose a dog to secondary infections. This bacteria is associated with the respiratory condition commonly known as “kennel cough.” *Bordetella* can be spread when secretions from an infected dog travel through the air and are inhaled by a healthy dog. The bacteria can also be passed through dog bowls, toys, or other objects that an infected dog has contacted.

We REQUIRE that all dogs who come to our facility be vaccinated for Bordetella every TWELVE MONTHS.

Canine Influenza Vaccination

Canine influenza (also known as dog flu) is a contagious respiratory disease in dogs caused by specific Type A influenza viruses known to infect dogs. The virus can be spread through respiratory droplets produced during coughing and sneezing from infected dogs, or through contact with contaminated surfaces. **The Canine Influenza vaccination is not required, but it is highly recommended that dogs are vaccinated against canine influenza.**