

THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATION

Infectious diseases have been known to kill thousands of pets each year. Most of these deaths could have been prevented by a simple vaccination. Vaccination is one of the greatest success stories of veterinary medicine, saving countless lives and gaining universal acceptance.

Should we vaccinate our pets?

YES DEFINITELY!

At Isle Valley Vets we recommend regular vaccinations against infectious diseases for all cats, dogs and rabbits. Without these vaccinations your pets are open to infections.

Dogs

Diseases we routinely vaccinate dogs against include:

- ❖ Parvovirus – severe disease, usually fatal
- ❖ Distemper- severe disease, potentially fatal
- ❖ Infectious Hepatitis – severe disease, potentially fatal
- ❖ Leptospirosis – can be fatal in dogs and can also be transmitted to humans
- ❖ Kennel cough – rarely fatal, but not nice
- ❖ Rabies – routinely required for travelling abroad

Routine vaccinations consist of two initial vaccinations given two weeks apart and then annually thereafter. Puppies can have their first vaccination at 8 weeks old. They are full protected a week after the second vaccination. We recommend vaccinating for kennel cough every year. Rabies vaccinations are also administered annually.

Cats

Diseases we routinely vaccinate cats against include:

- ❖ Viral cat flu – highly infectious, not nice! There are two different viruses. Both can be fatal in older cats / kittens.
- ❖ Feline Leukaemia – severe disease, can be fatal
- ❖ Feline Panleucopenia – uncommon but is a severe disease, can be fatal

Cat vaccinations consist of two initial vaccinations given three weeks apart and then annually thereafter. Kittens can be vaccinated at 9 weeks old. They are full protected a week after the second vaccination.

Rabbits

Diseases we routinely vaccinate rabbits against include:

- ❖ Myxomatosis – usually fatal
- ❖ Viral haemorrhage disease (VHD) – usually fatal

Myxomatosis vaccinations should be administered every 6 months and VHD should be administered every year.

To make an appointment to vaccinate your pet or for further advice phone Isle Valley Vets today.

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