

## Vaccinating Your Dog

Puppies and dogs are susceptible to several dangerous and potentially fatal diseases. Vaccination and annual boosters provides protection against these diseases. At Holmefield we use the **Schering-plough Procyon** dog (8 in 1) vaccine, this is the first of a new generation of advanced vaccines. It vaccinates against :-

Parvovirus

Distemper

Canine Viral Hepatitis (CVH)

Canine Adenovirus

Leptospirosis Canicola and Icterohaemorrhagiae - this can be transferred to humans

Parainfluenza

Coronavirus - unique to the Procyon vaccination.

### Other Vaccinations

Bordetellosis (Kennel Cough) - this is a non-life threatening, though highly contagious, cough, which is spread by contact with infected dogs. The majority of boarding kennels now demand that your dog has the kennel cough vaccination, which should be given a minimum of five days prior to going into the kennels.

The vaccination is administered up the nose, and lasts twelve months.

Rabies - with the recent change in quarantine laws, dogs can now be taken abroad on the pet's passport scheme. As part of the scheme dogs have to be vaccinated against rabies.

### Vaccination Program

Ideally your dog should be vaccinated as a puppy. A primary course of two injections is needed, the first at 6 weeks, or older, and the second 3-4 weeks later, but no early then 10 weeks of age. Following this initial course your puppy will not be fully protected until one week later, and therefore should not be taken out.

Older dogs can be vaccinated at anytime, a primary course of two injections is given 3-4 weeks apart.

Following initial vaccination your dog will need a yearly booster to keep immunity levels effective. With the Procyon vaccine, 4 of the diseases have a three year proven immunity, therefore not all 8 parts are administered every year. If your dog goes fifteen months without a booster, they will have to restart with their initial course. Bringing your dog in for yearly boosters enables the vet to give them a health check and any potential problems can be detected.

**If you would like to make an appointment or require further information please contact us at Brayton 01757 705562 or Sherburn-in-Elmet 01977 684952.**