



## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL KENNEL COUNCIL LTD POLICY STATEMENT

# RECOMMENDED VACCINATION PROTOCOLS

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### ***Current Vaccination Protocols (for Australian conditions) 2013***

*The international vaccination committee has the current vaccination recommendations.*

Core vaccines are defined as those that are essential. Non core vaccines are non-essential and used primarily in the face of need or challenge.

#### **1. Core Vaccines (Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus = C3)**

Puppies should have three vaccinations at 6-8 weeks, 12-14 weeks and the 3<sup>rd</sup> ideally over 16 weeks.

The next vaccination is C3 at 12-15 months, after which the adult dogs can be vaccinated every 3-4 years.

If the owner is concerned, breeding bitches can be vaccinated more frequently.

#### **2. Non core vaccines – Kennel Cough (bordatella, parainfluenza), leptospirosis, tetanus, corona.**

These vaccinations are done in the face of challenge or need (e.g., an outbreak of disease, entering boarding kennels or high risk situations). Bacterial vaccinations can be of short duration as in the cases of Bordatella, and require annual revaccination if entering boarding kennels or high risk situations.

Older dogs or those that have immunocompromised health should be titre tested to see if the titre levels are still covering the major diseases rather than be repeatedly vaccinated unnecessarily.