

To all dogs
who've missed
their boosters



You can come out now



All about our Vaccination Amnesty

Why is it so important to protect your dog by vaccination?

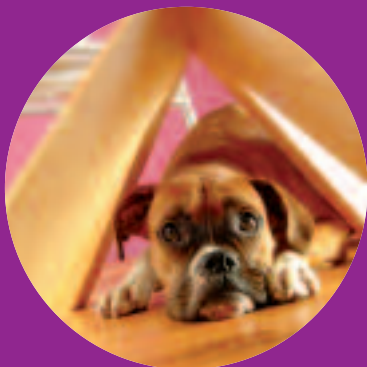
Unless properly vaccinated, your dog is at risk of contracting one of several, possibly fatal, infectious diseases. Parvovirus and leptospirosis are the most current and widespread threats, depending on where you live. Both may prove fatal and Leptospirosis can present a serious risk to human health as well.

The routine vaccination given to puppies will also protect against hepatitis and distemper, both very dangerous diseases; and parainfluenza, which, although rarely fatal, can cause suffering to your dog.

Why are booster vaccinations required?

When your dog was vaccinated as a puppy it was provided with immunity to these diseases. But this immunity doesn't last indefinitely and can gradually fall, leaving your dog at risk. Your dog's immunity therefore needs "topping up" at regular intervals.

These intervals differ between diseases: for example, even the best vaccines for leptospirosis may only protect for about 13 months. And the risk of contracting a particular disease



depends on the lifestyle of the animal. We will therefore advise you on which diseases require a booster and when.

Can a single injection restore protection when boosters have been allowed to lapse?

You may remember that when your dog was a puppy, it was vaccinated twice, with an interval of 2-4 weeks between injections. These two injections were required to ensure a full immune response to all fractions of the vaccine.

After this so-called “primary” vaccination, annual boosters - of just one injection - are usually sufficient to keep the animal protected. However, if the interval between the primary vaccination course and the first booster - or between two boosters in subsequent years - significantly runs over, then protection against some of the diseases may no longer be sufficient. In this case, a new primary course with two injections is required.

What is a vaccination amnesty?

We send out reminders when boosters are due, but we appreciate that they can arrive at busy times, or while you're on holiday, or when there are other financial pressures. For



whatever reason, your dog's last booster is now significantly overdue, and as a result needs a new primary course of vaccination.

A vaccination amnesty is a way to get your dog's vaccination status back up to date at minimal cost. For a limited period, we will give your pet a complete new primary course for the cost of a single booster vaccination.

What will happen when you take your dog for the amnesty?

When your dog is enrolled in the amnesty, before receiving its first injection, we will also check its general condition. This health check is a vital part of the vaccination programme, as an unhealthy animal may not respond well to vaccination. It's also an opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have about your pet's health or diet.

If you have any other questions...

We hope this leaflet answers most of your questions about the vaccination amnesty that has been offered to you. But if you have any other further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.