

Puppy Vaccination Schedule

The first thing to know is that there is not just one puppy vaccination schedule for all dogs. Factors such as which part of the country you live in, and your dog's individual risk factors will come into play. Some dogs do not need every vaccine. This decision is between you and your veterinarian. Always discuss puppy vaccinations at your regularly scheduled appointments.

That said, here is a generally accepted guideline of the puppy vaccination schedule for the first year.



Puppy's Age	Mandatory CORE Vaccinations	Optional Vaccinations (per lifestyle and recommendations of veterinarian)
6 — 8 weeks	Initial Distemper, PARVO Vaccine	Bordetella
10 — 12 weeks	DHPP (vaccines for distemper, adenovirus [hepatitis], parainfluenza, and parvovirus)	Consider starting INFLUENZA per lifestyle (First of 2) Consider starting Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease per lifestyle as recommended by veterinarian (First of 2)
16 — 18 weeks	DHPP (#2 booster if given 3-4 weeks previously) FIRST RABIES VACCINE (REQUIRED BY LAW) NOTE: Now recommend last puppy booster be administered between 16-20 weeks of age: discuss with veterinarian	OPTIONAL PER LIFESTYLE AS DISCUSSION WITH VET: Lyme disease, Leptospirosis, Bordetella per lifestyle as recommended by veterinarian (2nd booster of 2) INFLUENZA BOOSTER (2nd of 2)
12 — 16 months	DHPP	
Every 1 — 3 years	DHPP	(DHPP TITER) as recommended by veterinarian Coronavirus, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease, INFLUENZA YEARLY BOOSTERS
Every 1 — 3 years	Rabies (as required by law)	none

My Dog's Vaccination and Medical Records

Name: _____ Spay/Neuter Date: _____

Breed: _____ Insurance Policy #: _____

Birthday: _____ County Animal ID #: _____

Special Markings: _____

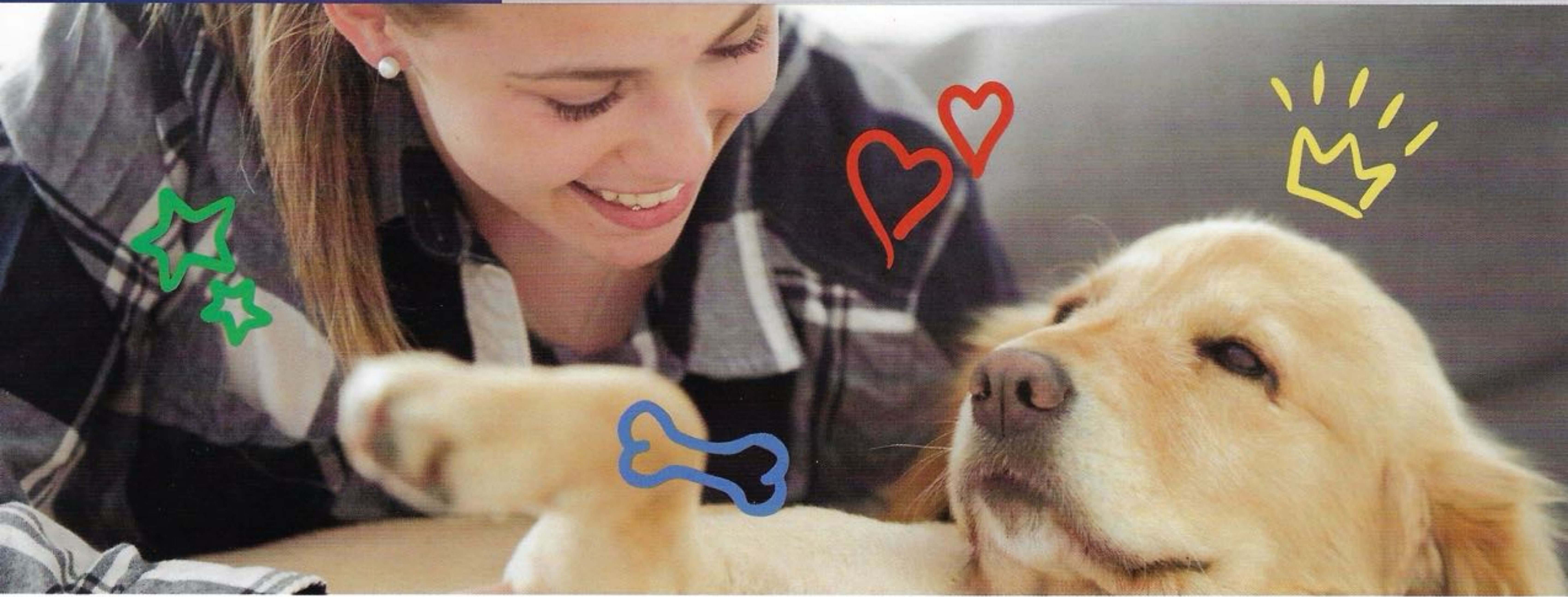
Vaccine	Immunization Dates					Veterinarian
DA2PP or DHPP - Distemper, Adenovirus-2 (Hepatitis), Parvovirus, Parainfluenza						
DHLPP - Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis Parvovirus, Parainfluenza						
Leptospirosis						
Rabies Canine						
Bordetella						
Lyme Disease						
Coronavirus						
Canine Influenza						
Heartworm						

Notes



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Register Your Puppy and Unlock a Lifetime of Benefits!



We're so excited to welcome you and your puppy to the AKC family because at AKC, we advocate for dogs and the people who love them. When you register your dog with AKC, you'll join a community of dog lovers who are here to support you every step of the way and celebrate the pride you have as a purebred dog owner!

Our community, founded in 1884, offers expertise on breed health, training, and promoting responsible dog ownership. That's why you can trust us to be your go-to resource for all-things dog. Did you know your registration makes a difference? AKC is a not-for-profit organization that has raised over \$30 million to fund important programs for the betterment of all dogs and communities.



AKC lifetime registration packages give you and your dog:

- The opportunity to learn about your dog's family tree with an AKC Certified Pedigree
 - Maintenance of accurate breed records
 - Access to your dog's health screening records
- Fulfillment of knowing you are funding efforts to help preserve your beloved breed
 - A customized AKC Registration Certificate
 - A complimentary vet office visit
 - 30 days of pet health insurance with access to a 24/7 Vet Helpline*
- Access to AKC ReuniteSM Microchip Enrollment helps your dog get home safely if ever lost
 - 1 year of AKC GoodDog HelplineSM, a live phone and video training support line
 - A free AKC Pupdate enrollment for weekly emails that provide personalized advice for your puppy's breed and age

* Insurance is underwritten and issued by Independence American Insurance Company (rated A- "Excellent" by A.M. Best) with offices at 11333 N. Scottsdale Rd, Suite 160, Scottsdale, AZ 85254. Insurance plans are administered by PetPartners, Inc. (PPI), a licensed agency (CA agency #OF27261). "AKC Pet Insurance" is a marketing name used by PPI and is not an AKC business nor an insurer. AKC does not offer or sell insurance plans. "AKC" and its related trademarks are used by PPI under license. AKC may receive compensation from PPI. For complete details, refer to www.akcpetinsurance.com/sample-policies.

Find out about the impact your registration makes and learn about some of our departments and affiliates!



provides grants for dog-friendly domestic violence shelters and purebred rescue organizations

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allocates millions of dollars in research funds to study nearly all of the top canine diseases

akcchf.org



is a non-profit pet microchip and recovery service that has given back over \$11 million to support working K9s and pet disaster relief efforts

akcreunite.org



leads advocacy and legislative efforts to protect the rights of all dog owners, promote responsible dog ownership and ensure that laws governing dog ownership and breeding are reasonable, enforceable and non-discriminatory.

akc.org/clubs-delegates/government-relations/

Your journey with AKC begins when you complete your official AKC dog registration online. Registering your puppy has never been quicker or easier. Less time worrying, more time playing!





Many foods and household products can be dangerous to dogs!

It's only natural for dogs to be curious. But their curiosity can get them into trouble when they get into areas where you store household items such as food, medicine, and detergents. Many common household items that you use every day can be harmful, and sometimes even lethal to your dog. Always keep garbage and medication out of reach of your pets, children, and animals.

Foods That are Harmful to Your Dog:

Ingredients that are harmful to your dog:

- Xylitol
- Artificial sweetener
(found in many store-bought baked goods)
- Sugarless gum

These may cause vomiting, abdominal pain and/or diarrhea.

- Almond
- Alcohol
- Apricot
- Avocadoes

- Balsam Pear
- Chocolate
- Coffee grounds
- Corn cobs
- Garlic
- Grapes
- Japanese Plum
- Macadamia nuts
- Mushrooms (if also toxic to humans)
- Onions and onion powder

- Pear and peach kernels
- Raisins
- Rhubarb
- Seeds and pits of fruit
- Spinach
- Tomato and potato leaves and stems
- Wild cherry
- Yeast dough





Common Household Items That are Harmful to Your Dog:

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|---------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------------|
| Acetaminophen | Disinfectants | Matches | Rubbing alcohol |
| Antifreeze and other car fluids | Drain cleaners | Mothballs | Shoe polish |
| Bleach and cleaning fluids | Furniture polish | Nail polish and remover | Sleeping pills |
| Boric acid | Gasoline | Paint | Snail or slug bait |
| Deodorants | Hair colorings | Prescription and non-prescription medicine | Turpentine |
| Deodorizers | Insecticides | Rat poison | Weed killers |
| De-icing salts | Kerosene | | Windshield-wiper fluid |

If your dog should ingest harmful foods or chemicals, contact a veterinarian or poison control center (www.poison.org) immediately.

Receive peace of mind with the help of pet insurance

Your puppy's AKC registration includes an initial 30 days of pet insurance.

-  Accident & illness coverage
-  No network - use any licensed vet in the U.S. or Canada
-  Access to 24/7 Vet Helpline
-  Automatically expires or you continue coverage by providing a payment method

Once you have completed your AKC registration, your policy must be activated for coverage to take effect.



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or simply scan



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Welcoming Your New Puppy Home: Do's, Don'ts, and What to Expect

Congratulations on the newest addition to your family! The day you bring your new puppy home is a day you've both been waiting for. You want to make sure the first day is the best it can be for your puppy, you, and your family.

Use this guide to make sure the lifelong bond with your dog starts on "the right paw."



Your Puppy's First Day Checklist:

- Complete your puppy's AKC Registration at akc.org/register.
- Try not to overwhelm your puppy. Introduce him to your home, one room at a time.
- Choose a potty spot and choose a command. When he does go, make sure to reward him with treats and praise.
- Introduce him to house rules and his new family members (including other pets), one member at a time.
- Minimize the stress and excitement from other visitors. Your friends will be able to meet him very soon—just not today.
- Schedule his first vet visit (Use our Puppy Vaccination Schedule and Medical tracker). Because your puppy hasn't gotten all his shots, don't interact with dogs outside your home!
- Regular coat and nail care is important! Don't wait to get your puppy accustomed to the groomer. Visit marketplace.akc.org/search-groomers to find a salon near you.
- Sign up for AKC Pupdate at akc.org/pupdate to get weekly emails with personalized advice for your puppy's breed and age.
- Make sure you have all the supplies you need to make your puppy feel right at home. Visit akc.org/shop and get 15% off your first order by using the code **AKCDOG15**.
- Don't have a name yet? Use our Dog Name Finder at akc.org/dog-name-finder to find the perfect name for your new puppy.



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Start a Routine (and Stick to It!)

Structure will help your puppy feel secure and help him understand what's expected of him. Routine makes it easier for everyone, pet owners included.

1. **Meals:** Young puppies eat three times a day. Put your puppy on a regular feeding schedule and make sure there is always water nearby.
2. **Potty:** Most puppies have to use the bathroom at least every 45 minutes when they're awake. Make sure to bring him to the designated potty area.
3. **Play:** Puppies need exercise and mental stimulation, too! Some exercises like long runs and jumping are not good for puppies; instead, playing with toys and running in the yard are great ways to exercise and bond with your puppy.
4. **Sleep:** Young puppies sleep a lot—some up to 16 to 18 hours a day! Plan on several naps throughout the day and set a bedtime. To reduce the anxiety that the first night can cause your puppy, put his crate in your bedroom. Your pup will feel safe knowing you're nearby.



There's so much more that goes into being a new puppy owner. To access more resources that will help you raise a happy, healthy, and well-adjusted puppy, visit AKC's Puppies Page at akc.org/puppies.

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PUPPY RESOURCES



AKC Sports & Events: Strengthen the Bond Between You and Your Puppy!



It's great exercise, and it just might be one of the most personally rewarding endeavors of your life. Whether your dog is purebred or mixed breed, you're welcome to join in the fun.

In addition to our in-person events, AKC also offers virtual Sports and Titling opportunities as an easy and exciting way to get started in dog sports! If you choose to train for fun or compete, we guarantee that you'll feel a sense of pride at seeing your dog in their "happy" place, showing off new skills and accomplishing incredible goals.

There's plenty of events to choose from—22,000 a year to be exact! To get started, register your puppy with AKC, then go to akc.org/sports to find out how you can participate.

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Canine Good Citizen™ (CGC) Dog Training Program

At the AKC, we believe that all dogs can be good dogs, and all owners can be great owners, all it takes is a little bit of training, lots of love, and of course, plenty of praise along the way. That's why we created the Canine Good Citizen™ (CGC) program: an expert-made training program designed to help you and your dog be the best you can be-together.

Canine Good Citizen is a 10-skill test that teaches good manners to dogs and responsible dog ownership to their owners. CGC is open to all dogs—purebred and mixed breed. There are no age minimums or limits for participating in the Canine Good Citizen program, because yes, you can always teach an old dog new tricks!

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