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Dogs

All dogs over 4-months of age are required to have Rabies, Bordetella (Kennel Cough) and Distemper Vaccinations within 1 year. Coronavirus is recommended but not required.

Rabies - By Georgia Law - Yearly

Rabies is a fatal infection affecting the central nervous system. The virus is transmitted primarily through the bite of an infected animal.

Bordetella (Kennel Cough) - Given intranasal or injected.

The most common respiratory infections in the dog. Signs include cough, nasal discharge and flu-like illness. *Recommended every 6-months if boarded frequently.*

Distemper - Usually given in a combination vaccine - Yearly

Often fatal, can cause vomiting, diarrhea, pneumonia and severe brain damage.

Adenovirus Type 2, Para influenza - Often given in the Distemper combination vaccine. The most common respiratory infections in the dog. Signs include cough, nasal discharge and flu-like illness.

Hepatitis - Often given in the Distemper combination vaccine.

A viral disease, which may lead to severe liver damage.

Parvovirus - Often given in the Distemper combination vaccine.

A potentially fatal intestinal viral disease causing severe vomiting and diarrhea. Most common in un-vaccinated puppies.

Coronavirus - A Viral intestinal disease. Asymptomatic form can lead to severe damage and secondary infections. Clinical form may cause vomiting and diarrhea.

Leptospirosis - Often given in the Distemper combination vaccine.

A bacterial infection that often leads to permanent kidney and liver damage.

Lyme Disease - Disease transmitted by ticks that cause fever, arthritis and lameness.

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Cats

All cats over 4-months of age are required to have Rabies and Distemper (FVRCC) Vaccinations within 1 year, and have been tested NEGATIVE for Feline Leukemia and FIV. Feline Leukemia vaccine is recommended but not required. Cats over 4-months of age are required to be spayed or neutered.

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Panleukopenia (FPL) - A highly contagious disease that can affect the nervous system. Also seen: loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhea. Some adult cats may recover, but it is often fatal in both kittens and adults.

Viral Rhinotracheitis (FVR) - Yearly

A common respiratory infection, which is often fatal in kittens. Sneezing, decreased appetite and fever followed by a thick nasal discharge from the eyes are often observed.

Calicivirus (FCV) - Yearly

A respiratory infection that is usually not fatal by itself, but sets the cat up for more serious infections. The signs are similar to FVR and ulcers may appear on the tongue and in the mouth.

Chlamydia (FPN) - Yearly

Chlamydial infection is a common respiratory infection, which produces signs similar to FVR. It may provide an opportunity for development of more serious bacterial complications. It is rarely fatal, but may recur when the cat is ill or stressed.

Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) - A highly contagious and devastating viral disease, which is a major cause of death in cats. It decreases the ability of the immune system to respond to infections.

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