

Vaccines Given at CHS

Feline Vaccination

Cats receive their core vaccinations as a single vaccine denoted FVRCP. This vaccine provides vaccination against: Panleukopenia virus, a potentially fatal gastrointestinal disease; Feline Herpesvirus-1; and Feline Calicivirus, a respiratory disease. In animals that can produce a good immune response, this vaccine provides rapid onset of immunity against the often deadly Panleukopenia virus and helps to decrease the severity of symptoms for the common feline respiratory viruses. Booster vaccination requirements need to be discussed with the regular veterinarian following adoption.

Canine Vaccination

Dogs receive their core vaccinations as a single vaccine denoted DA2PP/DHPP. This vaccine provides vaccination against: Distemper, a gastrointestinal, respiratory and neurologic disease; Adenovirus, a respiratory virus also providing immunity against a related virus causing infectious hepatitis; Parvovirus, a potentially fatal gastrointestinal disease; and Parainfluenza, a respiratory virus. Booster vaccination requirements need to be discussed with the regular veterinarian following adoption.

Rabies

Rabies is a zoonotic disease, a virus that can transfer from animals to people. It can cause neurological symptoms and result in death of the infected individual. Vaccination against rabies is not provided at Calgary Humane Society at this time and should be discussed with the animal's regular veterinarian to ensure proper documentation of this important vaccine.

The Importance of the Complimentary Veterinarian Exam

Once the animal is adopted and leaves the shelter, it is important for the family to book an appointment with their animal's regular veterinarian. At this appointment, they can discuss future vaccination schedules based on risks to the animal taking into consideration its age, lifestyle and the potential for disease exposure in their community. In addition, Rabies vaccination is considered a core vaccine and should be discussed at this time. Finally, their veterinarian may recommend additional vaccinations which may be important to the animal based on the above risk assessment.