

Ashton Animal Clinic Vaccination Recommendations

LEPTOSPIROSIS (Lepto) Vaccine

Leptospirosis (Lepto) is a potentially fatal bacterial disease that infects wildlife, domestic animals, and humans. It is the world's most common zoonotic disease. Lepto is shed from urine of infected wildlife that can survive for months on soil and water surfaces such as lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, and stagnant water (such as puddles). With our yearly rain fall comes increased risk to your pet. For example, last year alone 75% of the citrus rats that were trapped tested positive for Lepto. Lepto can cause fever, weight loss, vomiting, diarrhea, dehydration, abdominal pain and renal failure. Highest prevalence of this disease is most common in the South East United States. We recommend vaccinating your pet. Initially two (2) doses are required. The first dose then followed by the second dose two (2) weeks later. The Lepto vaccine should then become a part of your pet's annual vaccines. The cost of the vaccine is \$20.00 per dose, with no office call charge on the second booster.

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LYME (Borreliosis) Vaccine

Lyme disease, or Borreliosis, is a dangerous bacterial tick-borne disease that affects both animals and humans which has been found in nine species of ticks. Lyme vaccine was developed to help protect dogs from the harmful bacteria that will cause Lyme disease. A dog exposed that has been fed on by an infected tick, can develop this disease. All dogs are at risk. Even your inside dogs can be exposed in their backyards, lanais, and on outdoor walks. Symptoms include lameness, swelling of limbs or joints, fever, and vomiting which are often difficult to detect. To best protect your family and dog, we recommend vaccinating your pet for Lyme disease. The vaccination is administered initially in two (2) doses. The first dose followed by the second 2-3 weeks later (\$42.00 each) with no office call exam on the second booster, then once a year with your pet's annual vaccines. We test annually for Lyme disease for your pet's protection.

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Microchip your pet

Each and every year millions of pets are lost. You can permanently identify your pet without a collar with **Save This Life Microchips**. A small chip (about the size of grain of rice) is inserted under the skin between the shoulder blades of your dog or cat. This microchip provides your pet with his/her own numerical code. This code has a lifetime registration with no need for annual renewal. As an additional service, you can activate a free lost pet medical insurance policy which covers up to \$1,000 in emergency care that may arise if pet is lost. A hand held scanner is passed over the pet's shoulders and the numerical code is displayed by the scanner. The scanners are used routinely by veterinarians, officers, animal shelters, and animal control agencies across the country. We can microchip your pet today in our office for \$55.00.

I Accept _____

I Decline _____

Date _____ Signature _____ /Pet's Name _____