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VACCINATION RECOMMENDATIONS

The veterinary medical community has questioned the need for *annual* re-vaccination of pet dogs and cats, for many years. Many veterinarians have suggested that once a pet is well vaccinated against these common illnesses, that vaccinations should last for more than a single year, similar to the response to rabies vaccination, which lasts for three years.

Recently, vaccine induced reactions (infections and fibrosarcomas) and immune related diseases (allergies, hypothyroidism, lupus, etc.) have been on the increase, and this fact has prompted a new set of guidelines to all of the veterinary community.

The new guidelines that we recommend are:

Pets less than 4 months old: The animal should be vaccinated once every 3-4 weeks, between the ages of 6-16 weeks of age. These pets should have an annual check-up and booster vaccines until the pet is 3 years old.

Pets over 3 years old: The animal should be given a complete examination every year. Vaccinations for “distemper-combo” and rabies should be re-administered every 3 years to be effective at preventing those diseases.

Our emphasis is on keeping your pet healthy, and free from illness. Over-vaccinating healthy animals will not accomplish this objective.

We will continue to advise you of your pet's overall health, and recommend any procedures, such as teeth cleaning, screening blood tests, X-rays, etc. which will prevent serious health problems in your pet.