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Vaccinating your Dog

Dog's Name: _____
Owner's Name: _____

Immunology and vaccine technology are ever-evolving sciences. Therefore the veterinary team at Glenway Animal Hospital regularly reassesses our vaccination protocols to be sure we are using the most effective and safest vaccines available.

Since vaccination against disease is a medical procedure it carries some risk. The benefits of vaccination, obviously, must outweigh the risks. An important concept is that not all dogs are exposed to the same diseases and therefore vaccine decisions should be made on an individual basis for each dog. The following factors, that can vary from city to city, are all considered by our veterinarians during an exam / vaccine assessment to customize your pet's vaccine protocol. Factors considered include:

Age / Breed / Health status / Environment / Lifestyle (indoor vs. outdoor) / Travel habits

Types of Vaccinations Core vs. Non-Core

Core Vaccinations are generally recommended for all dogs to protect against disease that are found throughout North America and easily transmitted. These diseases are serious and potentially fatal.

Distemper / Hepatitis / Parvovirus / Rabies (required by Ohio law for all dogs, cats and ferrets)

Non-Core Vaccinations – these vaccines should be given to dogs at specific risk for infection due to exposure or lifestyle.

Bordetella (Kennel Cough) / Lyme disease / Leptospirosis / Canine Influenza

Reactions to Vaccination

Vaccine reactions of all types are infrequent. In general most vaccine reactions and side effects (such as local pain and swelling) are mild and self-limiting. Allergic reactions are not common but if left untreated can occasionally become serious. These typically occur soon after vaccination and can present in a variety of ways such as vomiting, hives and swelling around the face. If any reactions are noted call your veterinarian immediately. In other instances vaccines can result in a tumor that develops at the vaccination site or diseases that affect the blood, skin, joints, or nervous systems. These are rare but if your pet already has diseases of these body systems, vaccines should be more cautiously approached. It is imperative that you alert your veterinary team to ANY and ALL former potential reactions to vaccinations.

Bottom line: Dog owners need to work with their veterinary team to pick the vaccination program that makes the most sense for their dog's individual circumstances.

I have read and understand the above information:

Signature

Date