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Canine Vaccine Descriptions and Explanations

Bordetella: A highly contagious virus caused by a combination of infectious agents that causes a dry, nonproductive cough.

DHPP, which includes

- **Distemper:** This virus can be easily spread to other dogs, especially younger ones, but will not infect cats or humans. It can be seen as a respiratory, intestinal or nervous system infection. Distemper is highly fatal.

- **Hepatitis (Adenovirus II):** This is a virus that causes respiratory symptoms.

- **Parainfluenza:** Part of the kennel cough complex, this virus causes a harsh dry cough.

- **Parvovirus:** This virus causes vomiting, diarrhea, severe dehydration and weight loss. This is highly fatal.

Leptospirosis: A highly contagious bacteria to both people and other dogs that infects multiple organ systems and can be fatal. Leptospirosis is spread primarily by raccoons, opossums, deer, cattle, swine, coyotes, and rodents. These animals shed it in their urine and it can live in water. Dogs exposed to these elements and/or animals should be vaccinated.

Lyme: This is a tick borne disease that can cause a variety of clinical signs including fever, painful inflammation of joints, kidney disease, and neurologic signs. If your dog is in an area with a high tick population, we recommend this yearly vaccine.

Rabies: This viral disease is transmitted through saliva of the infected animal, usually through a bite wound and is highly contagious to all animals including people. Rabies is fatal and all pets are required by law to be vaccinated.