

Navajo Nation Animal Control Program

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## **Canine 5-way Vaccination**

ANIMAL WELLNES SERVICES – Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month

Whether you're providing a healthy foundation for your new puppy or maintaining your dog's health throughout the years, vaccinations are a vital part of your dog's overall wellbeing. Regular vaccinations can effectively prevent serious canine diseases such as parvo, distemper, rabies and hepatitis, just to name a few.

It is recommended that puppies receive a series of 3-4 vaccinations beginning at 6-8 weeks of age, the last of which should be around 16 weeks of age. All adult dogs require an annual vaccination to prevent disease.

Most vaccines for dogs combine protection for multiple illnesses.

## **5-Way Vaccines (Basic Protection or Core Vaccines)**

These are considered core vaccines that we recommend for puppies and dogs. They are often referred to as 5-way vaccines. They include prevention for:

- 1. **Distemper** (severe multisystem viral disease) A viral disease that usually begins like an upper respiratory infection or cold but soon progresses to seizures and often death. It is usually transmitted by foxes, coyotes, raccoons and dogs.
- 2. Adenovirus (cross protects against hepatitis-type 1 can cause severe, even fatal liver disease) Another serious viral disease. The virus responsible for the disease is passed in the urine and causes liver and kidney infections.
- 3. Adenovirus (respiratory disease-type 2 can lead to pneumonia and death) This virus causes a respiratory disease in dogs.
- 4. **Parainfluenza** (part of the kennel cough complex) A viral disease that contributes to kennel cough. The disease is spread when tiny droplets of nasal secretions fly through the air and are inhaled by other dogs, and it causes upper respiratory infection and coughing.
- 5. **Parvovirus** (highly contagious and most often fatal viral disease) A viral disease that causes severe vomiting and diarrhea for your pet because of an intestinal tract infection. The virus passes in the feces and can remain infectious in contaminated soil for one to two years. Untreated infections may lead to death.

Navajo Nation Animal Control Message: It is important to vaccinate your dogs to prevent diseases • Keep your dog home to prevent the spread of contagious diseases to other animals • If your puppy or dog is sick, seek veterinary care • Only healthy animals can be vaccinated.