


Commission on Animal Care & Control	<b>General Order : #064</b>
<b>Subject: Animal Vaccination Protocol Upon Intake</b>	Date Issued: 06/30/2017 <b>Manager's Approval:</b> 

**Vaccines are vital lifesaving tools that must be used as part of a preventive shelter healthcare program.** Because risks of disease, exposure and stress levels are often high in shelters, animals will be vaccinated at intake with core vaccines. Animals will be vaccinated upon intake at CACC in accordance with the American Animal Hospital Association's (AAHA) Canine Vaccine Guidelines for Dogs in Shelters (2011), the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) Guidelines for Vaccination of Cats in Shelters (2013), the Association of Shelter Veterinarian (ASV) Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters (2013), and in consultation with CACC veterinarians as indicated below. Vaccinations are given by Shelter staff (shelter staff include ACA Supervisor, Shelter Manager, Animal Care Clerk, Animal Care Aide I & II, Veterinary Assistant, Certified Veterinary Technician, Supervising Animal Care Clerk, Supervising Veterinary Technician, and Veterinarian).

### CANINES

**CORE VACCINES** for canines to be administered upon intake:

- Six (6) months or older:
  - Include distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parainfluenza, and canine parvovirus (DHLPP)
- Puppies six (6) weeks of age to six (6) months:
  - Include distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, and parainfluenza virus (DHPP)
- All dogs, starting at three (3) weeks of age (as per manufacturer guidelines):
  - Intranasal bordetella


**CORE VACCINE BOOSTER GUIDELINES** – these must be scheduled in Chameleon:

- All canines six (6) months or older must receive a second DHLPP vaccine three (3) weeks after the initial dose given at intake unless otherwise directed by a staff veterinarian.
- Puppies six (6) weeks of age to six (6) months must be re-vaccinated with the DHPP vaccine every three (3) weeks while in the shelter unless otherwise directed by a staff veterinarian.

#### *Site of administration*

The location for injection of a specific vaccine should follow administration site guidelines when safe to do so.

The DHPP & DHLPP vaccine shall be administered subcutaneous in the right front shoulder. Should you be unable to vaccinate the animal in that anatomical location due to extenuating circumstance (injury, missing limb, etc.) you must record the location where the vaccine was administered in the animal's Chameleon record. The bordetella vaccine shall be administered intranasal in either the left or right nostril. If you are unable to vaccinate any animal upon intake, you must notify the ACA Supervisor

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immediately for further instructions.

**NON-CORE VACCINES** (vaccine availability permitting)

Canine Influenza Virus Vaccine (Bivalent H3N2/H3N8):

Due to the lack of immunity in dogs from Influenza virus and to help decrease severity of disease, all dogs seven (7) weeks of age and older (per manufacturers guidelines) are to be vaccinated with the CIV bivalent vaccine upon intake by Shelter staff unless otherwise directed by a staff veterinarian.

*Site of administration*

The location for injection of a specific vaccine should follow administration site guidelines when safe to do so.


This vaccine shall be administered in the animal subcutaneously in the left rear leg. Staff providing the vaccination must record the date and type of vaccination on the appropriate section of the animal's record in Chameleon. Should you be unable to vaccinate the animal in that anatomical location due to extenuating circumstance (injury, missing limb, etc.) you must record the location where the vaccine was administered in the animal's Chameleon record. If you are unable to vaccinate any animal upon intake, you must notify the ACA Supervisor immediately for further instructions.

**NON-CORE VACCINE BOOSTER GUIDELINES** – these must be scheduled in Chameleon:

Booster vaccine is not necessary if the animal has developed, been treated for and subsequently cleared of CIV H3N2. **No animal showing clinical signs of Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease (CIRD) should be boosted.** Clinical signs include but are not limited to coughing, nasal discharge, lethargy, etc. Staff should notify their immediate Supervisor if there are any questions.

Should the animal still be housed in the facility 4-6 weeks after clinical signs have resolved and the animal has tested clear of CIV H3N2, it is permissible that the series (initial vaccine, booster in 2 weeks) be repeated unless otherwise directed by a staff veterinarian.

Follow-up (Booster) Vaccination Procedures (subject to change to meet the changing standards in veterinary medicine):

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- A CIV booster vaccine shall be administered in two (2) weeks from the date of the initial vaccine, unless otherwise directed by a staff veterinarian.

If unable to vaccinate upon Intake, you must record that information in the animal's Chameleon record.

### FELINES

If the staff member feels a cat is a flight risk if vaccinated in the rolling kennels in the intake area of the facility, the employee must use the cat vaccination room off of the administration hallway.

### **CORE VACCINES**

Core vaccines for felines to be administered **immediately upon intake**, or at the latest, within three (3) hours of intake:

- Six (6) weeks of age and older:
  - Include feline viral rhinotracheitis, calicivirus, panleukopenia (FVRCP)

CORE VACCINE FOLLOW UP – these must be scheduled in Chameleon:


- All cats over the age of 16 weeks shall receive a second FVRCP vaccine three (3) weeks after the initial dose given at intake unless otherwise directed by a staff veterinarian.
- All kittens six (6) weeks of age up to 16 weeks of age shall be re-vaccinated with FVRCP every two (2) weeks while still in the shelter unless otherwise directed by a staff veterinarian.

#### *Site of administration*

The location for injection of a specific vaccine should follow administration site guidelines when safe to do so.

The FVRCP vaccine shall be administered subcutaneously in the distal right forelimb. Should you be unable to vaccinate the animal in that anatomical location due to extenuating circumstance (injury, missing limb, etc.) you must record the location where the vaccine was administered in the animal's Chameleon record. If you are unable to vaccinate any animal upon intake, you must notify the ACA Supervisor immediately for further instructions.

Vaccines should not be given in the intrascapular area of cats, unless directed by a veterinarian.

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**General**

Staff providing the vaccination **must** record the date and type of vaccination and site of injection given on the animal's record in Chameleon. **If you are unable to vaccinate any animal upon intake you must notify the ACA Supervisor immediately for instructions.**

Training on proper vaccine storage and administration will be provided by the employees' immediate Supervisor.

Training on vaccine reactions will be provided by the employees' immediate Supervisor, and any suspected reactions will be brought to the attention of the veterinarian or medical staff on duty.