AC-03 VACCINES - DOG

**Purpose**

To define the vaccine protocol for dogs of all ages in HSWM care, to minimize transfer of disease.

**Policy**

All dogs will be vaccinated on intake and follow the guidelines of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and for boosters of those vaccines until full immunity is reached or they are no longer in our care.

**Staff /Areas Affected**

• Animal Care Staff

• Vet Team

**Definitions**

**Vaccine:** live, modified live, or killed virus that is injected subcutaneously or given intranasally to stimulate a dog’s immune system to produce antibodies to that virus, therefore giving some immunity to that virus.

**ShelterLuv** – Database used by HSWM for all tracking of customers, animals and associated service

**Vanguard PLUS 5** - Injectable modified live virus vaccine for canine distemper, adenovirus type 2, parainfluenza, and parvovirus (abbreviated as DA2PP)

**Vanguard Intranasal** - Intranasal modified live virus vaccine for canine adenovirus type 2, parainfluenza, and bordetella bronchiseptica (abbreviated as Bord.)

**Defenser 1 –** injection of killed virus vaccine for rabies (abbreviated as RV)

**Defenser 3 -** injection of killed virus vaccine for rabies (abbreviated as RV)

**Vanguard L4** – injection for prevention of Leptospirosis (aka Lepto)

**Vanguard CIV H3N2/H3N8** – Injection for the prevention of Canine Influenza.

**Responsibilities**

Director of Animal Care and Behavior, Shelter Manager, Veterinarian and Vet Techs are responsible for monitoring, delivering, and documenting parts of this procedure.

**Procedures**

1. Follow provided flow chart upon intake.
2. If you are not able to immediately vaccinate the dog upon intake you MUST write the dog’s information on the sick list so that vet staff can vaccinate as soon as possible.
3. All vaccine information, whether from another veterinarian, rescue or performed here must be entered in ShelterLuv with appropriate vaccine booster due dates.
4. Distemper - DA2PP: Start vaccine series at 4 weeks of age, booster every 2 weeks until puppy is 18 weeks of age, then booster yearly.  If dog is over 20 weeks of age vaccinate on intake and booster vaccine in 3 weeks, then booster yearly.
5. Bordetella:  Can be given as early as 3 weeks of age followed by a booster in 3 weeks if initial Bordetella was given before 6 weeks of age.
6. Rabies:  Can be given as early as 12 weeks of age.  First vaccine is good for 1 year.  Subsequent boosters are good for 3 years.  Can only be given by a Veterinarian.
7. Lepto: Can be given as early as 12 weeks, then follow with a booster in 3 weeks.
8. Influenza: When protocol directs, can be given as early as 8 weeks, then follow with a booster in 3 weeks.

**Reference Documents**

• AC-03 Vaccine – Dog Flow Chart

**Revision History**

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