

## Leishmaniosis

Leishmaniosis is a parasitic infection found in Spain, Portugal, Italy, Southern France, Greece and all around the Mediterranean (see map in attached pdf client leaflet from Virbac). It can cause skin sores, weight loss, kidney failure, anaemia, arthritis, and possible death. It is transmitted by **sandflies** directly biting your dog. Until recently control has been via repellents of the **sandfly** to avoid them biting. There has recently been a vaccine designed to control the disease and give immunity to native dogs.

### Key Points

- Initial vaccination can be done from **6** months of age.
- All dogs need to be confirmed **negative** before vaccination via an in house blood test.
- Dogs need to be fully wormed with milbemax **2** weeks before vaccination.
- The initial course of **3** vaccines each **3** weeks apart.
- You can't give any other vaccine (DHLPB, KC, Rabies, Herpes, and Allervet etc) within **2** weeks of a Canileish vaccine.
- Full immunity from the vaccine course **4** weeks after the last injection.
- **Yearly** boosters must be given to maintain immunity.

### Cost

Initial blood test and vaccines	£158.38
Annual booster at	£43.90