

## Safety

Unfortunately, no vaccine can be 100% effective or 100% safe. Regular boosters are at present the safest and the best way to protect your dog from the diseases mentioned in this leaflet.

## Titre Test Accuracy

No test is 100% accurate, and the test only assesses your dog's immunity at that time. It cannot say how long the immunity will last.

## Leptospirosis

The Titre testing does not test for Leptospirosis. We always recommend a yearly leptospirosis vaccination.

## Kennels

Most kennels, day care or walkers require proof of vaccination before they look after your dog. They usually request a separate Kennel Cough vaccine. Check if they accept a titre test result as proof of immunity.

## Insurance

Some insurance policies may have clauses relating to vaccinations and titre testing. Check your individual Policy.

Standard DHPPI and Lmulti Booster Vaccination:	£35.50
In house titre test:.....	£49.99
External titre test:.....	£163.39
Leptospirosis (Lmulti) Booster Vaccine only:.....	£25.00
DHPPI Vaccine if required after a titre test:.....	£25.00
Kennel Cough Vaccination:.....	£25.00

If you have any questions, please speak to a member of our team, who will be happy to help.

Call: 01772 783327

Or feel free to come in to talk to us.

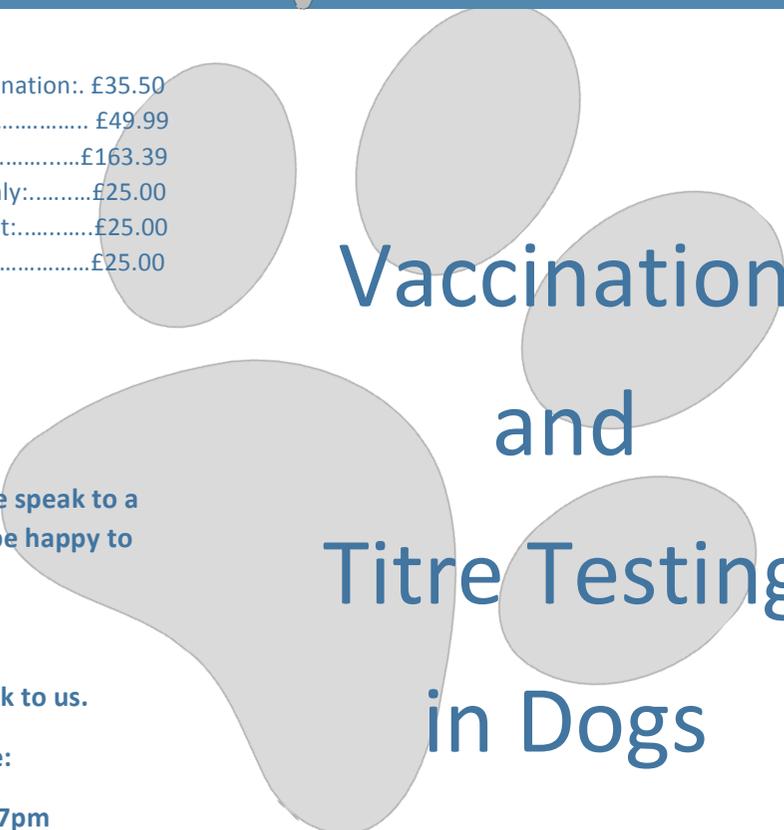
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Monday – Friday 8am to 7pm

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Vaccination  
and  
Titre Testing  
in Dogs

# Why do we Vaccinate?

# How does Vaccination and Titre Testing work?

We vaccinate dogs to protect them from several diseases that can make them very ill, and in some cases be fatal or cause life altering problems.

These diseases are:

**Distemper:** A viral disease affecting multiple body systems including the nervous system.

**Parvo virus:** A viral disease causing extreme bloody diarrhoea, especially dangerous to puppies.

**Infectious Canine Hepatitis:** A viral disease which infects the liver and kidneys.

**Canine Parainfluenza:** A viral cause of kennel cough, causing symptoms similar to a cold.

**Leptospirosis:** A bacterial disease that can cause kidney failure and can be spread to people.

## Vaccines

Vaccines work by preparing the dog's immune system. If your dog comes across the disease, for example from another dog, it can fight the disease quicker. This reduces the chances of the dog becoming seriously ill or dying.

How long the body remembers the disease for varies. This depends on several factors, including which version of vaccine is used, and the dog's individual immune system.

## Vaccine Boosters

To ensure that our dogs stay protected from the diseases, we recommend booster vaccinations at regular intervals.

The recommended frequency of a booster depends on the manufacturer's guidelines. The vaccine that we use recommends a booster vaccination every 12 months, as this is how often the average dog would require a booster to maintain adequate immunity.

## Titre Testing

We know that in some dogs their immunity to Distemper, Parvo, and Hepatitis may last longer than 12 months. These dogs may not need vaccinating for these diseases as often as other dogs do.

Titre testing is a blood test which tells us if an individual dog still has good immunity to these 3 diseases, and hence whether a booster vaccination is needed.

To perform the test we take a small amount of blood from your dog's neck or leg. We can then test this either in house or we can send it away for testing at an external lab. The in house test isn't quite as accurate as the external test but it is less expensive.

For either test the results are normally available in 7-10 days.