

Lancaster Small Animal Hospital Vaccine Policies

Based on current research and recommendations from the American Animal Hospital Association and the American Association of Feline Practitioners, we are changing our vaccination protocols. Our goal is to establish a **safe, effective, individualized** vaccination protocol tailored to your animal's age, health, and risk factors.

Recent research has determined that many of our vaccinations are providing immunity for much longer than one year when strategically administered. Others are known to have duration of immunity one year or less. The protocols endorsed by the Lancaster Small Animal Hospital do, at times, vary from the manufacturer's recommendations, which, we feel, are outdated.

We recommend that **Canine** patients receive Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, Parvovirus, and Leptospirosis on a rotating 3 year schedule. Leptospirosis is a recent addition to this list, given a recent deadly outbreak in our area. Rabies vaccinations will be given in accordance with New York State law. Lymes and Bordetella vaccines may be recommended based on individual patient risk factors, which we will discuss at your pet's semi-annual examinations.

We also recommend that **Feline** patients receive Panleukopenia, Calicivirus, and Rhinotracheitis. These vaccines will also be given on a 3-year rotating schedule. Rabies will be given in accordance with New York State law. Feline Leukemia (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) vaccines may be given based on individual patient risk factors which we will discuss at your semi-annual examinations.