



Vaccination Timelines

Rabies Vaccination

- Cats and dogs can receive their first rabies vaccine at 12 weeks (3 months) of age.
- If this is your cat or dog's first rabies vaccine, it will be a one-year vaccine.

How to qualify for a 3-year vaccine:

- We do need to view the previous vaccination record (a tag is unfortunately not sufficient proof) to validate that a rabies vaccine will be good for three years. If your pet was previously vaccinated at Foothills Animal Shelter and you do not have a copy of that paperwork, we can look it up for you at our vaccination clinic.
- Cats and dogs under 2 years old:
 - 3-year vaccines can be administered 30 days pre-expiration and up to 30 days post-expiration
- Cats and dogs 2 years or older:
 - 3-year can be administered 30 days pre-expiration and up to 6 months post-expiration
- If there is no documentation of a previous vaccine, it will be a 1-year vaccine.

Distemper Vaccine (DA2PPV for dogs and FVRCP for cats)

- Kittens and puppies under 6 months old:
 - 1st dose: 6-8 weeks old
 - 2nd/3rd dose: continue getting a booster every 3-4 weeks after first dose
 - 3rd/4th dose: (qualifies for one year): at 16 weeks (4 months)
- Cats and dogs over 4 months old:
 - If this is your cat or dog's first round of vaccines, they will need one initial vaccine, then a second booster 3-4 weeks after to be protected for one year.

How to qualify for a three-year vaccine:

- If your cat or dog currently has the 1-year vaccine:
 - 3-year can be administered 30 days pre-expiration and up to 30 days post-expiration
- If your cat or dog already has a 3-year vaccine:
 - The next 3-year can be administered 30 days pre-expiration and up to 6 months post-expiration

Bordetella (dogs only)

- Dogs can receive their first vaccine between 6-8 weeks old.
- All Bordetella vaccinations are good for one year.
 - If you frequently utilize doggy daycare, boarding services, or grooming services, Bordetella can be administered every 6 months for increased protection.
- We do not offer 3-year Bordetella vaccinations.