



Vets Love Pets!



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VACCINES



With the arrival of spring, and more pets venturing outside, this time of year always brings many new puppies and kittens into our clinic. However whether your pets are very young, and a new addition to your family, or are in their adulthood vaccinations are very important to all cats and dogs to keep them safe from a number of potentially life threatening viruses, diseases and bacteria. This month our newsletter focuses on some of the more common questions that pet owners usually ask us.

What canine vaccines do we offer:

- **Distemper Combo Vaccine** - protects against Distemper, Adenovirus, Corona Virus, Parainfluenza and Parvo virus. This vaccine fights gastro intestinal viruses which can cause vomiting and diarrhea, it is also extremely important to puppies and kittens)
- **Bordetella Vaccine** - prevents kennel cough which is a highly contagious upper respiratory disease
- **Giardia Vaccine** - to prevent Beaver Fever. This helps guard against a virus caused by parasites that live in stagnant water and which can cause vomiting and diarrhea. Beaver Fever can also be spread to humans
- **Rabies Vaccine** – to protect against this fatal disease which affects the nervous system (and which can be spread to humans)



What feline vaccines do we offer:



- **Distemper Combo Vaccine** – to protect against Panleukopenia, Feline Rhinotracheitis, Chlamydia and Feline Calicivirus. These are upper respiratory viruses which cause coughing, chronic sneezing, eye and nose discharge. However, Panleukopenia is more serious and can be extremely fatal to kittens.
- **Feline Leukemia Virus Vaccine (FeLV)** – this vaccine creates immunity to prevent infection from the virus which can cause Feline Leukemia. This is the most common cause of cancer in cats and also the most infectious disease in cats
- **Feline Rabies Vaccine** – to protect against this fatal disease which affects the nervous system (and which can be spread to humans)

What age should you start vaccinating?

Vaccines for puppies and kittens are given over a 3 month period. The vaccination cycle starts when your pet is 8 weeks old, then repeated at 12 weeks and 16 weeks. However the cycle can be started as early as 6 weeks old.

How do vaccines work?

We introduce the antigen (vaccine) into the pet's system to give the body an immune response. Through this, their system creates antibodies to fight the bacteria, or virus, should they become infected.

Are vaccinations necessary?

Yes! Vaccinations are very important. They are given to pets to help protect against numerous diseases (as mentioned above) that could be very serious or even fatal. *It is much cheaper to vaccinate than treat a virus or disease.*

Why do pets need an annual booster?

The protection that a vaccine gives slowly starts to decline over a period of time. A booster helps prolong the immunity against the disease, virus or bacteria in question.



Are vaccinations 100% guaranteed?

A veterinarian can not completely guarantee that a given vaccination will fully protect against a disease bacteria, virus or disease. However, vaccines HAVE been proven to be the safest, quickest and most effective way of protecting your pet from a number of diseases that can easily be picked up from their surroundings.



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Another award for Tudor Glen Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Tammy Wilde receives the "2008 Most Interactive Booth" award at the recent St. Albert Spring Into Spring Lifestyle Expo, presented by Lynda Moffatt of the St. Albert Chamber of Commerce. The staff of Tudor Glen Veterinary Hospital had a fun packed three days at the event and enjoyed meeting everyone who stopped by the booth. We would like to say a special thank you to all of our suppliers who so generously donated a total of 37 prizes for us to give away.



Having trouble administering tablets?

If you've ever had difficulty giving your cat a tablet then our **BRAND NEW** "tablet introducers" are your new best friend! These have been imported from Europe and are designed specifically to help you administer a tablet. Simply put the tablet inside the pincers at the end of the device, place the "tablet introducer" into the back of the cheek and push gently. If you would like more information, or a demonstration on how to use these, our staff will be pleased to show you.



\$4.99 + GST

Complimentary Dental Consultations



Due to the success of our recent dental month campaign, Tudor Glen Veterinary Hospital is once again pleased to offer complimentary dental consultations. The consultation will include an oral exam, a demonstration on how to brush your pet's teeth, a discussion on nutrition and a bag of dental food. We do not charge for these consultations - it's our way of promoting pet dental awareness. To book a complimentary consultation, please talk to one of our veterinary health care team at: **458-6051**.



Baby "Jack"

Dr. Tammy Wilde and her husband Scott are very proud to announce the birth of their new baby son "Jack". Jack was born on February 15 weighing in at 8 lbs 5 oz and he is their first child.

