

At **VCMB**, we believe ongoing vaccinations throughout the life of your pet are critical to his or her health and happiness. Cats and dogs need regular vaccinations to prevent diseases that can shorten their life. Our staff is knowledgeable and educated about what vaccines are best for your specific dog or cat, based on their individual lifestyle.

**5 Reasons to Vaccinate Your Pet**

**1** Vaccinations prevent many pet illnesses.

By vaccinating your pet, you help protect your furry friend from various diseases including **rabies, distemper, parvovirus, canine influenza virus, infectious hepatitis, Bordetella, feline leukemia,** and **others**. Vaccinating your pets annually helps lessen the spread of infectious diseases throughout pet populations.

**2** Vaccinations can help avoid costly treatment for diseases that can be prevented.

Veterinary vaccinations are substantially less expensive than the cost of treatment for the diseases they protect against.

**3** Vaccinations prevent diseases that can be passed between animals, and also from animals to people.

Vaccinating against zoonotic diseases such as **rabies** and **leptospirosis** not only protects your pet, but you as well. A little prevention can save you dollars in treatment and extend the life of your pet.

**4** Diseases prevalent in wildlife, such as **rabies** and **distemper**, can infect unvaccinated pets.

**5** In many areas, local or state ordinances require certain vaccinations of household pets.

**Boarding and Grooming**

If you plan on boarding your dog or having them groomed, it may be required that they have a **canine influenza** vaccination, as well as **Bordetella**, which protects against kennel cough. Kennel cough is highly contagious in dogs and can lead to severe pneumonia. If you visit dog parks with your pet or they attend daycare where interaction with other animals is likely, **Bordetella** and **Canine Influenza** vaccinations should be provided.

**VCMB** requires that all dogs who board in our facility are up to date on: **Rabies, DHPP, Bordetella, Canine Influenza,** have a **Negative Fecal Test**, and that cats have been provided with **Rabies, FVRCP vaccinations** and also have a **Negative Fecal Test**.

