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## Why are Vaccines necessary for my pet?

Vaccines help protect our pets from deadly diseases and bacterial infections.

Parvo and Distemper are two of the deadliest viruses among dogs (especially puppies). Your pets can catch these viruses by roaming on infected grass or from coming into contact with infected feces from other dogs. One simple vaccine plus a booster can prevent these awful and deadly viruses from attacking your dogs. If your dogs contract these viruses, they can be treated at a vet office or emergency vet clinic but your vet bill will be in the thousands or tens of thousands of dollars without a guarantee of survival for your pet. The vaccine costs \$15-\$35 depending on where (in the U.S.) you live or what vet services you use.

By law, in the United States, you must have your pets vaccinated against Rabies. The rabies vaccines can be given to dogs after they are 4 months old. You can get a 3 year rabies vaccine so as not to have to do it every year and your dog will be just as protected.

Consult your veterinarian for other vaccines your pet may need such as Lepto, Bordatella and K9 Flu vaccines. Depending on where you live and your lifestyle, (i.e. visiting dog parks, doggy daycare, going to a groomer) you may need to add these vaccines to your pets' semi annual or annual schedule.

## Why does my pet need a Microchip?

**What is a Microchip?** A microchip is a small electronic chip the size of a grain of rice. It is implanted in a dog or cat around the shoulder blade area. Each chip comes with a number that you register online to your name, phone number and email address. It is a very safe and secure identity chip for your pet. It does not hurt your pet and they don't feel it.

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If your dog or cat is suddenly not wearing its collar with name tags and a phone number, a microchip can literally save their life. A microchip can be scanned at a veterinary office or animals shelter. If the microchip has your name and phone number registered to it, you will be reunited with your beloved pet in case he/she is ever lost or stolen and then found.

**Where do I get a microchip for my dog or cat?** Upon adoption at an animal shelter or humane society your pet will be microchipped for you. Upon adoption from a dog rescue organization, your pet should be microchipped for you. Please ask and make sure that you get the microchip number for your pets when you adopt them. If you did not adopt your pet, ask your veterinarian to microchip your dog or cat. All microchip brands have an online website where you enter the chip number and link it to your name and phone number. Keep your information up to date with the microchip company.

For more detailed information on Microchips we recommend this web link:

<https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/petcare/microchips-reunite-pets-families/microchipping-faq>