

BLUE HILLS VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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Blue Hills Veterinary Hospital follows the current WSAVA (World Small Animal Veterinary Association), SAVA (South African Veterinary Association), and DAFF (Dept. of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries) recommended protocols on Canine and Feline vaccinations.

As per DAFF, a pet should receive their first Rabies vaccine after 12wks of age, (90 days from birth), with a second Rabies booster administered by 12 months of age. (The second Rabies booster can be administered 30 days after the initial dose, at the latest by a year in age. **Thereafter, a Rabies vaccination is only required every 3rd year**, with the exceptions being in the case of a DAFF-notified rabies outbreak, or travel of pets beyond RSA borders. The Rabies vaccines have a proven efficacy for 3 years.

As per WSAVA, puppies should receive their initial vaccinations at 6-8wks of age, boosted 3-4wks later at 9-11wks of age, and the 3rd puppy vaccination at 13-16wks in age.

Thereafter, they are re-vaccinated at 1yr of age, **then not more often than every 3rd year thereafter.**

We recommend that dogs going to board in kennels be vaccinated against “Kennel Cough” (Canine Infectious Tracheobronchitis). The 2 vaccines available here in SA are 1) Nobivac KC (intra-nasal, single dose, provides immune cover in 24hrs) and 2) Bronchicine Zoetis (subcutaneous injection, requires a booster 30 days after 1st dose for optimal protection).

We request to see our patients annually for a routine health check, and will advise and administer vaccinations as per WSAVA, SAVA, and DAFF recommendations.

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