

CSDOC Vaccination Policy

The minimum level of vaccination required is C5 or equivalent. Vaccinations should be given a minimum of two weeks (14 days) before attending classes for the first time. Current vaccination certificates (or equivalent) must be provided on joining the Club, renewing your membership, as your vaccination becomes due throughout the year and when bringing a new dog for the first time. No vaccination certificate – no dog on the grounds.

Explanation

In accordance with Dogs Queensland (CCC(Q) Ltd) rules all dogs participating in an approved event (Show, Trial or training event) must have a current vaccination certificate. Refer to Rule 108.

The Australian Veterinary Association Position Statement on vaccination of dogs and cats states that “every animal should be immunised and each individual animal only as frequently as necessary”.

There are three core diseases, canine distemper virus (CDV), canine adenovirus (CAV) and canine parvovirus type 2 (CPV-2). The C3 vaccination will protect dogs against these diseases and is considered mandatory.

There are non-core vaccinations which are required in areas that may be considered high risk of contracting specific infections. Kennel or canine cough is in this category and is fairly common. **We consider kennel cough vaccination to be mandatory.** There are two common types of kennel cough, parainfluenza virus and bordetella bronchiseptica. The C4 vaccination will provide protection against one of these plus the three core diseases. **The C5 vaccination will provide protection against both of these plus the three core diseases. Kennel cough vaccinations must be given annually.**

For many years vaccinations have been given annually. More recently it has been discovered that the protection provided by the C3 vaccinations for the three core diseases can last for longer than twelve months hence the introduction of triennial or three yearly vaccinations. **This does not apply to the kennel cough vaccination which must still be given annually.**

Further research into the effectiveness of vaccinations has led to the introduction of titre testing. This is a test which can check the level of immunity that a dog has against the three core diseases. A positive test result will show the level of immunity is still high and re-vaccination is not required immediately. A negative test result indicates that the dog has little or no immunity and that revaccination is recommended. **Currently there is no titre testing available for kennel cough. Kennel cough vaccination must still be given annually.**

This explanation is a guide and you must consult your vet to work out what is best suited to your dog. Check your vaccination certificate to ensure it has all the information including date of vaccination, vaccine type and re-vaccination date. If you don't understand your vaccination certificate ask your vet to explain it. Please ensure you have a legible vaccination certificate and that you understand it before you present it at the Club.

References

Australian Veterinary Association Position Statement - Vaccination of cats and dogs

<http://www.ava.com.au/policy/66-vaccination-dogs-and-cats>

World Small Animal Veterinary Association Guidelines for the Vaccination of Dogs and Cats

<http://www.wsava.org/sites/default/files/WSAVA%20Vaccination%20Guidelines%202015%20Full%20Version.pdf>

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