

## FAQs about vaccinations

**My pet does not leave the house at all. Do I still need to bring it for vaccination?**

Yes. Some diseases may be transmitted to your pet via infectious material on footwear, equipment, clothing, etc. If you have multiple pets at home, some of them may carry these diseases even if they appear healthy, which can also spread to other pets in the house.

**Will my animal fall sick or become unwell after it receives the vaccination?**

Vaccination is a safe procedure and the vast majority of animals do not fall sick or become unwell after receiving a vaccination. A very small proportion may experience adverse effects, which are usually mild. Contact your veterinarian immediately should your pet exhibit any adverse effects after vaccination.

**Why do I have to keep vaccinating my animal even when it is fully grown?**

Even if your puppy or kitten has received its full course of vaccines and has grown into a healthy adult, their level of immunity may decrease over time. Therefore, revaccinations (or 'boosters') will ensure that they remain protected against these diseases for life, by maintaining a protective level of immunity. Your veterinarian will recommend a suitable revaccination interval based on their assessment.

### Resources



AVS website  
([www.nparks.gov.sg/avs/animals/animal-health-and-veterinarians/animal-diseases-and-antimicrobial-resistance/antimicrobial-resistance](http://www.nparks.gov.sg/avs/animals/animal-health-and-veterinarians/animal-diseases-and-antimicrobial-resistance/antimicrobial-resistance))



SVA website  
([sva.org.sg/news/vaccinationguidelines/](http://sva.org.sg/news/vaccinationguidelines/))

Date given	Vaccination	Next due date
e.g. 25/12/20	e.g. Vanguard Plus 5L4	e.g. 25/1/21

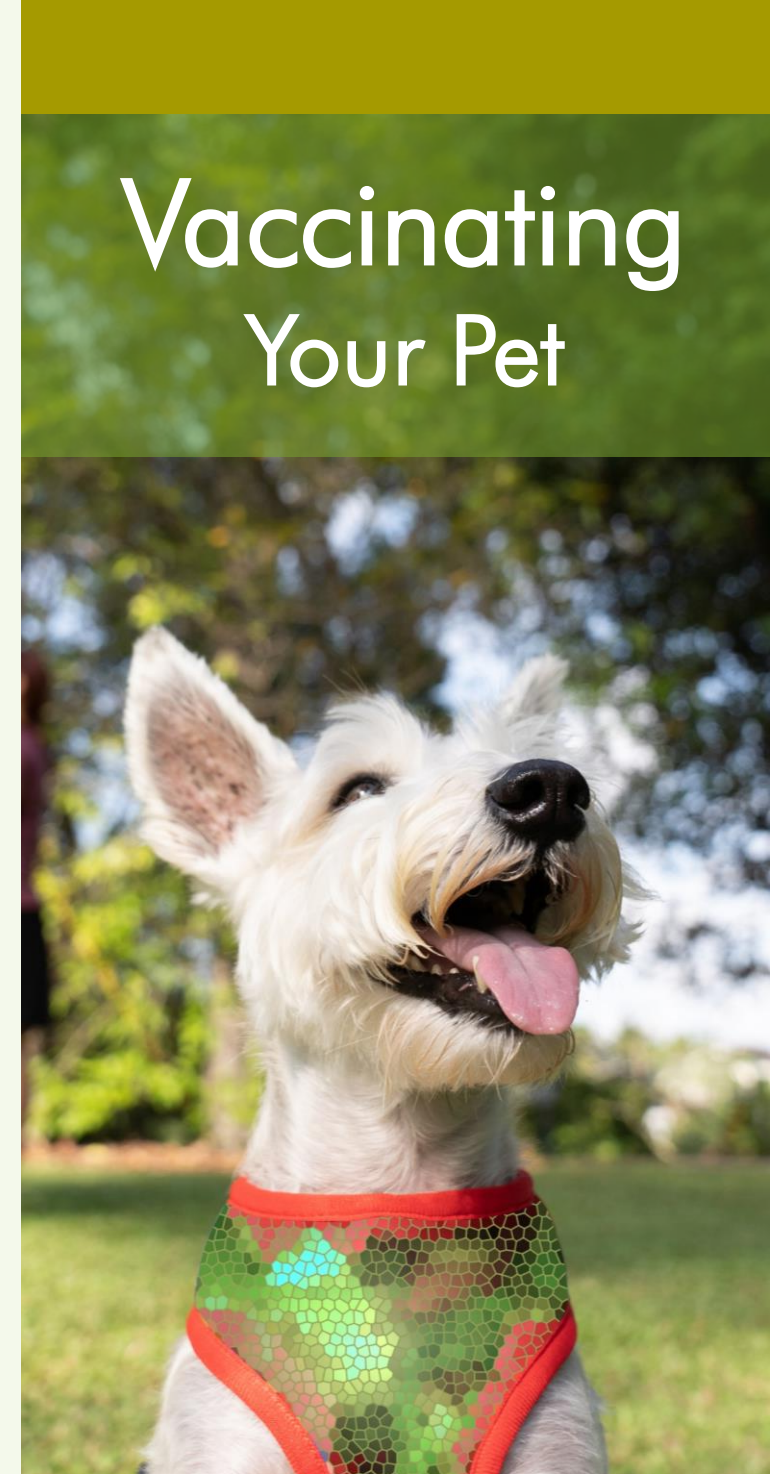
Microchip Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Write down the date of the next vaccination appointment

## Keep track of your pet's vaccinations



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## Why are vaccinations important?

Vaccination is an effective and safe way to protect our animals from infectious diseases. These diseases can cause serious illnesses and result in unnecessary suffering for our animals. Furthermore, treatment may be intensive and prolonged, incurring significant medical costs.

Vaccines stimulate an animal's immune system, helping it acquire immunity to defend itself against specific diseases.

Regular vaccinations reduce the chance of infection and the need for antibiotic treatment. When used incorrectly, antibiotics can contribute to antimicrobial resistance.

## What vaccinations do animals in Singapore need?

### Dog

#### Core vaccines\*:

- Canine distemper virus (CDV)
- Canine adenovirus (CAV)
- Canine parvovirus (CPV)

#### Non-core vaccines\*:

- Leptospirosis
- Canine infectious respiratory disease complex (CIRDC a.k.a. kennel cough)
- Canine coronavirus
- Rabies ^

### Cat

#### Core vaccines\*:

- Feline parvovirus; feline panleukopenia virus (FPV)
- Feline calicivirus (FCV)
- Feline herpesvirus (FHV)

#### Non-core vaccines\*:

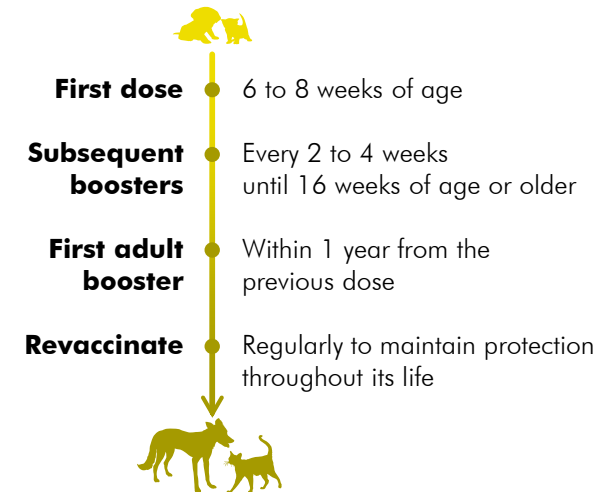
- Feline leukaemia virus (FeLV)
- Feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV)
- Feline chlamydiosis
- Rabies ^

\* Core vaccines should be given to all dogs/cats to protect them from severe, life-threatening diseases. Non-core vaccines may be given to dogs/cats depending on various factors such as their location, lifestyle, living environment and travel destination. Discuss with your veterinarian on what your pet needs.

^ Singapore is free from rabies, so routine vaccination is not necessary unless your pet is travelling overseas.

## Timeline of vaccine schedule

This is an example of what a common vaccination schedule for a pet dog and cat would look like.



The above timings and intervals may differ for individual animals. Please consult your veterinarian for an assessment of your animal and vaccine recommendations.

