



The Canine Rabies Vaccine.

- Prevents against:
 - **Rabies:** a viral infection that affects all warm-blooded animals. It is a **zoonotic** disease, meaning it can be transmitted between species. It is transmitted via the bite of an infected animal and is almost always fatal.
- Legality: Rabies is legally required for all dogs and cats in the state of California. For this reason, if your pet were to bite a human, s/he is protected against any legal action if s/he is already vaccinated for rabies.
- Where we give the vaccine: Scruff area between the shoulder blades.
- What to expect: Lethargy for the first 24 hours after vaccination is common and not worrisome. It is uncommon; however soreness or mild swelling at the injection site can occur.
- Vaccine reactions to call us about: Also uncommon, but we'd like to see you and your dog back right away if you see any of the following symptoms within the first 24 hours of vaccination:
 - Facial swelling/Hives
 - Vomiting/diarrhea
 - Large swelling at injection site
 - Fever and lack of appetite

This is a core vaccine. We vaccinate for this disease because the benefit of this vaccination largely outweighs the risk of a severe vaccine reaction.