



The Leptospirosis Vaccine.

- Prevents against:
 - **Leptospirosis:** a bacterial disease that can cause kidney and liver failure leading to death. It is transmitted via the urine of numerous types of animals including livestock and wildlife (deer, raccoons, opossums, skunks, rats). This disease is **zoonotic**, meaning it can be transmitted between species including humans.
- Where we give the vaccine: Scruff area between the shoulder blades.
- What to expect: It is uncommon, however soreness or mild swelling at the injection site can occur. Lethargy for the first 24 hours after vaccination is common and not worrisome.
- 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 within the first 24 hours of vaccination:
 - Facial swelling
 - Vomiting/diarrhea
 - Hives
 - 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.