

The Leptospirosis Vaccine



Leptospirosis is present in the greater Sacramento region and is therefore considered a core vaccine in our area. We vaccinate for this disease because the benefit of this vaccination largely outweighs the risk of a severe vaccine reaction.

Leptospirosis Vaccine protects against Leptospirosis bacterial infection.

Leptospirosis 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 Leptospirosis 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 your pet should be seen by a veterinarian immediately 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
- Lack of appetite
- Extreme weakness or difficulty breathing