

PUPPY VACCINE SCHEDULE

<u>Age</u>	<u>Vaccine</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Date</u>
10 weeks	1 cc MLV parvo	Galaxy PV or Proguard	
12 weeks	Distemper only	Galaxy-D	
14 weeks	1 cc MLV parvo	Galaxy PV or Proguard	
16 weeks	Distemper only	Galaxy-D	
Stool check/wormed			
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It is strongly recommended that you wait as long as possible after this vaccine schedule is completed to give a rabies shot, up to one year of age if at all possible. Thereafter, rabies as required but never on the same day as any other vaccine - always 2 weeks before or after any other vaccine. You may have your vet run a white cell count to be sure it is safe to give the next vaccine especially if the pup seems to have had a vaccine reaction. If white cell count is elevated, it's safer to wait a week to give the next vaccine.

If pup(s) need worming (run a stool sample to be sure) insert in vaccine schedule at least 1 week before or after a vaccine (preferably 2 weeks) and delay the rest of the vaccine schedule appropriately.

DO NOT give the dog any vaccines if it is sick or under stress; i.e.: shipping, field training, boarding, showing, teething, etc. This warning is printed on *all* vaccine packaging but a lot of vets ignore it.

After the age of 6 to 15 months, it is highly recommended that you run titers once a year through a blood test to determine if the dog needs a booster vaccine. The blood sample should be sent to:

HEMOPET/HEMOLIFE
ATTN: Dr. Jean Dodds, DVM
11561 Salinas Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92841
Phone: 714-891-2022
FAX: 714-891-2123
Attention: Dr. Jean Dodds referencing Judy Coffman, Breeder

This shot schedule seems long and drawn out but there is no hard and fast rule on when the mother's immunities wane and they have been known to interfere with a vaccine. Proguard or Galaxy parvo can be bought from several catalogs or can be obtained from your vet. Galaxy-D can be obtained from your vet or from catalogs. Do NOT vary from this vaccine schedule. If you wish your vet to give the vaccines, YOU ARE PAYING THE BILL and have the right to demand what's best for your dog. If your vet won't give the vaccines the way it is recommended, find a vet who will! If you live within 2 hours of our home, we will give the puppy the vaccines. It is included in the price of the puppy. It's also advisable to keep the pup/dog on double the levels of Vitamin C recommended by your breeder (and we can recommend other means to get this pup safely through this period) as this period, and up to 1 year of age or so, is very stressful on young dogs. They are growing, teething, their hormones are raging. Add to that the stress of whatever you are doing with them and it adds up to a recipe for disaster.

DON'T KILL YOUR DOG!!!

PS: It is thought by most researchers that there is a 4 to 5 week window where the mother's immunities are not strong enough to prevent a disease but the pup has enough maternal immunity to interfere with its ability to take immunity from a vaccine. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you do not expose the pup to any situation where it is likely to come in contact with other dogs shedding MLV from recent vaccines, such as parks, the grass strips along streets, puppy classes, or even the vet's office until the shot schedule is finished. If the pup must go to the vet see if you can persuade him to examine the pup in your vehicle or some other place where it won't be exposed to more disease than is necessary.

IMPORTANT NOTE: In the last few years, **ALL** 27 university veterinary teaching hospitals have recommended that dogs do not get all their vaccines every year after the puppy series is concluded. Go to www.weimclubamerica.org for the latest information on vaccine recommendations for Weimaraners and the latest research results on Weimaraners and vaccine reactions. The only vaccine needed every 3 years (or in some states every year) is rabies, and that is because it is a human public health concern and is required by law. Kennel cough vaccines only cover 3 of the 14 viruses known to cause kennel cough. Heartworm is carried by a particular mosquito and is only a concern, in CA, in the San Diego area, the Sacramento delta area, and the Bay Area. If you live in another state or area, be sure to check with your vet to see if Heartworm preventative is necessary.