

VACCINATION TIMING



Greyhound vaccinations protect against the highly infectious, and often deadly diseases Parvovirus, Distemper and Canine Infectious Hepatitis, as well as the highly contagious Kennel Cough (canine parainfluenza virus and Bordetella bronchiseptica).

Mandatory minimum vaccinations under racing rules, which are all recorded on Ozchase, are an initial vaccination at 6 - 8 weeks of age ("1st puppy vaccination"), another at 10 -16 weeks of age ("2nd puppy vaccination") as described below.

C3 vaccination: vaccination against Parvovirus, Distemper and Hepatitis (injected as combined "C3" vaccination) is required at all three of the above time points. In addition, to maintain protections against these three diseases, greyhounds should also have booster vaccinations at least every 3 years for life.

Kennel Cough: Vaccination against Kennel Cough (Canine parainfluenza virus and Bordetella bronchiseptica) can be given by intra-nasal, oral or injectable routes, and must be given at both the 2nd puppy vaccination and the naming vaccination. Kennel Cough vaccine makes up the 4th and 5th parts of what is termed the "C5 vaccination". In addition, Kennel Cough should be boosted every 6 -12 months (depending level of disease risk and the type of vaccine) for life.

Note for Racing

This is the current minimum requirement for racing. This may change in future, as discussions are ongoing as to whether booster vaccinations after the naming vaccination should be mandatory. Depending on your individual situation (including your property's history of infectious disease), and the vaccine manufacturer's directions, your Veterinarian may recommend an additional puppy vaccination or changes to the booster schedule. It is important that you follow your Veterinarian's advice to best protect your greyhounds.

The following table shows an example of a best-practice vaccination schedule for a racing greyhound to help protect it from these preventable diseases.

Age	C3 (Parvovirus, Distemper and Hepatitis)	C5 (Parvovirus, Distemper, Hepatitis and Kennel Cough)	Kennel Cough
* 6 – 8 weeks (1 st puppy)	✓		
* 10 – 16 weeks (2 nd puppy)		✓	
(If recommended by Vet additional booster 3 weeks post 2 nd shot unless intra-nasal Kennel Cough given)			
* 12 months (naming)		✓	
2 years			✓
3 years			✓
4 years		✓	

* Mandatory vaccinations. The same vaccination pattern should continue after 4 years of age once retired.