



WSA Vaccination Rules

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BASE IMMUNISATION

The WSA demands a complete (core-) vaccination against:

- Distemper
- Hepatitis contagiosa canis (CAV1)
- Parvovirus
- Leptospira

VACCINATIONS

Rabies

The vaccination against **Rabies** is regulated by law. In the areas where WSA championships are held, a vaccination every 3 years is generally accepted. The legal requirements of each host country are binding, and compliance will be checked prior to the race.

Distemper, Adenovirus (Hepatitis contagiosa canis) and Parvovirus (DHP/DAP/SHP)

Dogs competing in a WSA championship and other dogs that are allowed on site must be vaccinated with the DHP vaccine according to the following schedule:

Dogs under the age of 12 months:

- Basic puppy immunization as per the recommendation of the breeder's veterinarian
- Final dose of DHP puppy immunization given at or after 16 weeks of age
- Final dose of base immunization 12 months after final dose of puppy immunization
- Followed by boosters every three (3) years.

Dogs over the age of one (1) year that were not vaccinated according to the above schedule:

- Minimum requirement is a puppy immunization consisting of 2 doses of the DHP vaccine
- Followed by a final dose of base immunization 12 months after final dose of puppy immunization
- Followed by boosters every three (3) years.

Leptospirosis

The WSA requires a vaccination with a multivalent (more than 2 serovars) vaccine*. Modern L4 vaccines such as Nobivac L4 (MSD), L-Multi (Boehringer Ingelheim) and Versican Plus L4 (Zoetis) are all accepted. The base immunization consists of 2 doses of the vaccine, 2-4 weeks apart. To maintain protection, dogs need to receive a booster annually.

* As the requirement for a vaccination with more than 2 serovars was only approved by the WSA GA in September 2023, the WSA will accept dogs vaccinated with just 2 serovars (e.g. L2) until the end of 2024.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

My dog is less than 12 months old but had its last DHP vaccine at the age of 12 weeks

The immunization of your dog is unsafe as there is a chance of remaining maternal antibodies at the age of 12 weeks! Your dog will not pass the vet check and will not be allowed on stake-out. Please ask your veterinarian to re-vaccinate your puppy with a DHP vaccine as soon as possible.

I forgot the DHP booster after 3 years

The WSA accepts a delay in administering a DHP booster of up to 6 months. Please have your dog vaccinated as soon as possible but at the latest 14 days before the first day of the championship. Dogs with a delayed vaccination must receive a further booster 12 months after the delayed vaccine before moving back to 3-yearly boosters.

I missed the Leptospirosis booster after 1 year

The WSA accepts a delay in administering a Leptospirosis booster of up to 8 weeks. Please have your dog vaccinated as soon as possible but at the latest 14 days before the first day of the championship. Dogs that did not receive the Leptospirosis booster within 60 weeks of the previous vaccine, must repeat the base immunisation (2 doses 2-4 weeks apart).

I'm concerned about over-vaccinating my dogs

In lieu of the regular administration of boosters, the WSA accepts titer tests as a means to determine the optimal revaccination time for Distemper, Adenovirus (Hepatitis contagiosa canis) and Parvovirus. For this to be accepted, a certificate of serological antibody measuring from a reputable veterinary laboratory (e.g. Idexx, Laboklin, Synlab) is required. The serological test result must contain the name and microchip number of the dog and needs to be repeated annually for every dog that doesn't receive regular boosters. In order not to cause unnecessary delays at the Vet Check, the serological test result must be sent to secretary@wsa-sleddog.com at the latest 2 weeks prior to the first day of the championship.

FURTHER INFORMATION

WSAVA Guidelines for the Vaccination of Dogs and Cats:

<https://www.wsava.org/WSAVA/media/Documents/Guidelines/WSAVA-Vaccination-Guidelines-2015.pdf>

Leitlinie zur Impfung von Kleintieren (in German only):

https://www.openagrar.de/servlets/MCRFileNodeServlet/openagrar_derivate_00044276/Impfleitlinie-Kleintiere_2022-01-01_ba.pdf