

Priory ensuring the best protection for your pets:

NEW VACCINATION INFORMATION

The Priory Vet Group are pleased to announce that we are now using Versican plus® for all canine vaccinations.

What's the difference?

Versican will still give full protection against the usual viral infections (parvovirus, distemper, adenovirus and parainfluenza). However, the major advantage of Versican plus ® is its **protection against all 4 of the leptospirosis bacteria strains** now seen in the UK.

Other benefits:

- The vaccine can be given from as early as **6weeks** (compared with the traditional 8weeks)
- The puppy/dog is fully vaccinated against parvo, distemper and adenovirus from 3 weeks after the first vaccination making **early socialisation** safer than ever before.
- At Priory we don't believe in over-vaccination. The Versican Plus ® vaccine offers protection against Parvovirus, Distemper and Adenovirus for **at least 3 years** which enables us to have a flexible protocol where your pet will only receive the vaccine components that are necessary to keep them fully protected.

Why is the Leptospirosis cover important?

Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease which can affect a number of different species, including dogs and people!

The bacteria is shed in the urine of infected animals, contaminating the environment. It is most commonly picked up from watercourses. Following infection, the bacteria targets the internal organs resulting in clinical signs ranging from flu-like symptoms to severe abdominal pain. In serious cases it can lead to kidney and/or liver failure.

Traditional vaccines target the 2 most common strains of the bacteria but evidence now suggests a growing prevalence of 2 new strains of the bacteria across the UK, Europe and USA. As a result, experts are now recommending vaccination against all 4 strains. Versican Plus ® is the only Lepto-4 vaccination on the market to prevent **both clinical signs AND urinary excretion** thus protecting not only your pet but your family as well!

How do I get my pet vaccinated?

All pets (whether previously vaccinated or not) will require a starting course to be fully protected against the 4 strains of Leptospirosis. The course consists of 2 vaccinations given 3-4 weeks apart. If your pet is otherwise up to date with its vaccinations we are able to offer the second vaccination free of charge until October 2016.

If you have any questions about the new vaccine or would like to book your pet in for the vaccination then please ask at reception.