

The OnonDogger

**Official Newsletter of the
Onondaga Kennel Association
July 2024**



**Next General Meeting
July 17, 2024
6:00pm**

**Masonic Center
648 Centerville Pl.,
North Syracuse, NY 13212**

**General Meeting Dates for
Third Quarter
July 17th * August - * September 11th**

**Next Board Meeting
August 6, 2024
Special Finance Meeting
6:00pm**

**Board Meeting Dates for
Third Quarter
July - * August 6th * September 3rd**

**OKA's Official Website is
<http://www.onondagakennel.com>**

Please send all submission material to the Editor, Jennifer LaMere: at jenlamere103@gmail.com.

Please *CONGRATULATE* Jackie Lad. She has been voted in as our newest board member by special vote after the June General Meeting.

OKA EVENTS ON THE HORIZON *OKA'S Summer Party*

will be held on July 17th, 6-8:30pm

Please note that this is not our normal meeting night. The Masonic Center is closed the week of July 7th.

Remember that Becky will be handing out the awards that our members and their canine companions have earned in 2023.

The party will be catered by Fair Deli as they did a wonderful job at our Spring Show. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon, salads and dessert. OKA will be providing the beverages (water and soda). I'm sure I forgot a couple of things too.

The fee for members will be \$25.00 dollars and for non-members it will be \$35.00. Members are allowed to bring guests.

Please send in your RSVP to:
Jennifer LaMere
103 Iona Place
Syracuse, NY 13209

RSVPs need to be in by July 3rd.

I look forward to seeing everyone there! 🐾

The performance committee is requesting volunteers to help set up on October 4th for OKA's First FastCAT Event! The FastCAT will be held on October 5th & 6th. Linda and the performance committee worked hard to make this event happen. Please show your support and help at this event. Remember many hands make light work.



2024 OKA Meeting Schedule

General Meetings

January 10
February 14
March 13
April 10
May 8
June 12
July 17 - Summer Party
August - No Meeting
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11

Location:

Masonic Center
648 Centerville Place
North Syracuse, NY 13212

Board Meetings

January 2
February 6
March 5
April 2
May 7
June 4
July - No Meeting
August 6th - Special
Finance Meeting
September 3
October 1
November 5
December 3

Rabies Clinics

Onondaga County:

Appointments are appreciated. Register at ongov.net/health/env or call 315-435-3165 for questions.

August 24th, 5-7pm

Meachem Ice Rink

121 W. Seneca Tpke, Syracuse

September 21st, 4:30-6:30pm

Burnet Park

522 Burnet Park Drive, Syracuse

Oswego County:

All clinics are by appointment only on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8pm. Suggested donation is \$7.00 per pet.

Call 315-349-3564 or visit oswegocounty.com

July 17th

Hannibal Town Highway Garage

68 Cemetery Dr., Hannibal

August 7th

Bristol Hill Landfill Facility, Maintenance Building

3125 NYS Route 3, Fulton

September 18th

County Highway Garage

24 Dill Pickle Alley, Parish

October 16th

Oswego Town Highway Garage

2227 County Route 7, Oswego

Madison County:

All clinics are by appointment only, call 315-366-2526 or visit healthymadisoncounty.org. Appointments open 60 days before a clinic.

Suggested donation is \$7.00. Out of county pet owners are limited to 4 pets per household.

Tuesday, July 23rd, 5-8pm

Madison County Highway Garage

6200 Brown Road, Eaton

Wednesday, August 28th, 4-7pm

Delphi Falls County Park

2006 Gardner Road, Cazenovia

September 21st, 10am-1pm

Morrisville-Eaton Elementary School

55 Eaton St, Morrisville



Committee Reports

AKC Delegate: Glenn Glass

The AKC was very active this past month. Get the scoop on the following pages, then click the boxer to jump to Glenn's AKC Delegate's Corner to catch up on past AKC news you may have missed.

Judges Selection Input:

Suzanne DelPriore & Dave Kittredge
Anyone wanting to suggest we try to get a particular judge please email it to Suzanne at smgd49@gmail.com or call 315-430-5228.

Committee Chairs:

If you are actively looking for new members for your committee, please let me know. I will post them here.



June General Meeting Minutes

General Meeting - June 12, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Jennifer LaMere at 7:15. The minutes of the May 2024 meeting were read. Judy Murray moved to approve the minutes; Barb Drake seconded. Approved by vote.

The treasurer report by Sue Hamilton

Checking: \$12626.10

Credit Card: \$1380.50

Investments: \$44,707.09

Members introduced themselves

Jenn asked if there was anyone in attendance interested in joining the board recently vacated.

Jackie Lad, Sue Dygert, Mary Ellen Nawn, and Plamena Dimitrova were all interested. The board will gather after this meeting to make the decision.

Sue Hamilton asked for members interested in being on the constitution committee to review if any changes should be made.

Lisa Escudero, Sue Dygert, and Carol Silverthorne are interested.

Linda Walawander announced the Fast Cat Trial is October 4 and 5, 2024. The setup will be on October 4. Many volunteers are needed to set the course up. Linda is recruiting for a Performance committee. She would really like club members to step forward, even if they have never done performance events.

Handling Classes will be held at the current location beginning in the early fall for a ten week session. Here are the weeks for the two 10 week periods.

Jan 6th - March 10th and Sept 9th - Nov 18th (No Class on Sept 30th)

Becky Tehan spoke on the current legislation that passed. However, at this time, the Governor has not signed it. It was a bill to allow dogs in NYS Parks.

Candy Ardizzone spoke on the subject "What do you do with your new litters?" This led to a healthy discussion on what the different breeders in our club handle that.

Braggs were presented.

Jenn announced she was taking payments and registrations for the picnic on July 17 at 6:00.

Move to adjourn by Barb Drake at 8:45

Respectfully submitted by Sue Hamilton



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Your para<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/new-york-dogs-parks-passes-debarking-held-session-adjourns/>
June 12, 2024

The New York Legislature has officially adjourned its session for the year. Although it may return at some point this year, nothing has yet been officially announced.

AKC is pleased to report that Senate Bill 4993/ Assembly Bill 6244 allowing dogs in state parks was passed in the final days of session and will be transmitted to the governor in the coming weeks.

We were pleased to support this bill, which came about from a grassroots effort by local dog owners and clubs on Long Island, including the organization LI-Dogs. This legislation will allow responsible dog owners to bring their dogs to New York State parks, while still providing reasonable restrictions to protect public health and enjoyment for all park visitors. Read AKC's previous alert for more information.

AKC thanks all those who contacted their lawmakers in support of this legislation. No other significant bills impacting dogs and dog owners was passed this session. This includes A. 3569, which would ban debarking in the state. While the companion bill did pass the Senate, the measure still remains in the Assembly Rules Committee. AKC will closely monitor the bills for any activity should the legislature go back into session this year.

Unfortunately, S. 7416/A.6867, which would protect renters from breed discrimination in insurance, did not receive the final necessary vote before the end of session. AKC looks forward to continuing to support this legislation in future sessions.

AKC continues to closely monitor activity in New York and will provide updates when available.

For questions or more information, contact AKC Government Relations at doglaw@akc.org. graph text





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DOGS TAKE OVER ESPN THIS SUMMER WITH HIGH ENERGY AKC PROGRAMMING

June 12th

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club (AKC ®), a not-for-profit organization, the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, is thrilled to announce exciting programming coming to ESPN networks this summer.

"The canine and human athletes who participated in these competitions represented the best of the best," said Gina DiNardo, AKC Executive Secretary. "The sports are high energy, and the competition was fierce. ESPN viewers will be on the edge of their seats this summer."

Canine competitions kick off on Saturday, June 15th with the action-packed AKC Disc Dog Challenge, presented by The Farmer's Dog, followed by the wet and wild AKC Diving Dogs Challenge, presented by The Farmer's Dog, on Wednesday, July 3rd and culminating with the elite, ultra-competitive AKC Agility Premier Cup, presented by Tractor Supply Co, on Sunday, July 28th .

The AKC Disc Dog Challenge, held at UNC Asheville in Asheville, NC in early June, saw high flying canines and their humans participate in four unique games: Freestyle, Time Warp, Frizgility, and Far Out demonstrating new heights of canine athleticism, while taking fetch to new heights.

The AKC Diving Dogs took over the State Farm Stadium – home of the Arizona Cardinals – in Glendale, AZ. Record holding canine athletes compete in two divisions (Open and Lap) and two games (Air Retrieve and Distance) for bragging rights.

One hundred of the top agility dogs and handlers from around the country navigated challenging courses as they competed in the AKC Agility Premier Cup at National Sports Center in Blaine, MN. Agility teams competed in two early rounds, with the top 50 advancing to the finals. Competitors include past AKC National Agility Champions, AKC Agility Invitational winners, and AKC Premier Cup Winners.

Mark your calendars so you don't miss a minute of the action:

- AKC Disc Dog Challenge, Saturday, June 15th at 1pm ET on ESPN2
- AKC Diving Dog Challenge, Wednesday, July 3rd at 10am ET on ESPN2
- AKC Agility Premier Cup, Sunday, July 28 that 12pm ET.

Check your local listings for channel information.





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June 21, 2024

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/cdcs-new-dog-import-rule-updates-information-dog-enthusiasts/>

American Kennel Club Government Relations (AKC GR) staff have met with staff of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as key members of Congress to discuss the CDC's recently finalized rule on the importation of dogs. AKC continues to be concerned with the disproportionate impact the new rule will have on low-risk importations, and shares in the concerns of fanciers and breeders who regularly cross the U.S.-Canadian border for canine event participation, veterinary care, and breeder collaboration. Nevertheless, AKC believes the most efficient means of achieving additional regulatory change is by working with CDC staff to share concerns, keeping members of Congress informed, and helping craft solutions that will address the concerns. AKC extends sincere thanks to CDC and Congressional staff for their time and consideration of these concerns. [Click here to learn what you can do.](#)

Because of the amount and volume of concern shared by dog owners or other importers (like professional handlers) who regularly cross the U.S.-Canadian border, CDC staff summarized what will be needed to import a dog from Canada (and any other canine rabies-free or low-risk country):

1. Dog must be at least six months old;
2. Dog must have an ISO-compatible microchip;
3. CDC Dog Import Form (See more below.)
4. A government-endorsed written form documenting that the dog has resided or otherwise been only in countries that are classified as free of canine rabies or low-risk for canine rabies. (See more below.)
5. Dog must appear healthy upon arrival.

About the CDC Dog Import Form

There has been much worry shared with AKC and CDC about the CDC Dog Import Form, particularly since it has not yet been made publicly available. CDC staff explained that the form appears similar to another form they currently use, and they remain concerned that releasing it will create confusion about what form is needed on what date. CDC plans to release the new form in mid-July to best reduce the chances of confusion and allow access for upcoming importations.

CDC staff made several points about its new Dog Import Form:

- There is no cost for submitting the form.
- The form will take approximately five minutes to complete.
- A completed form/receipt may be printed or made available on a mobile device.
- A photo of the dog to be imported is a required part of the form.
- The dog's microchip number is also a required part of the form.

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- The form must include the location where the dog will cross into the United States, which can be any airport, land border crossing, or seaport.
- A successfully submitted form is valid throughout the day it is submitted for. In cases of multiple land border crossings in a day, submitting multiple forms will not be required.
- A dog must arrive at the location listed on the Dog Import Form receipt to complete the importation.

CDC staff also emphasized that the Dog Import Form will be the tool used to learn the actual number of dogs imported into the United States. This is of great importance, as the actual number of importations has only been estimated in the past. Additionally, the form will help CDC understand additional regulatory needs and possible future exceptions to the new rule.

About Government-Issued Documentation That a Dog Has Only Been in Canine Rabies-Free or Low-Risk Countries

CDC emphasized that several of the forms that may be submitted may be valid for the same amount of time that a dog's rabies vaccination is valid (i.e., in the case of three-year vaccines, during that three years). In such cases, owners will not need to complete a new form or health checks for importation during that time as long as the original form is provided upon entry, and as long as the dog has only been in rabies-free or low-risk countries. These forms include:

- The Certification of U.S.-Issued Rabies Vaccination (for live dog re-entry into the United States) This form would need to be completed by a USDA-accredited veterinarian before the dog initially leaves the United States.
- A valid USDA-endorsed export health certificate that documents the dog's age (at least six months) and microchip number.
- If the certificate documents a valid (unexpired) rabies vaccination given in the U.S., this form will be valid for the duration of the rabies vaccination (1-3 years).
 - If the certificate does not contain rabies vaccination information, it must list the rabies-free or low-risk country from which the dog is returning. Under this circumstance, the certificate will only be valid for 30 days.
- Or for dogs that do not have either of the above, the Certification of Dog Arriving from DMRVV-free or Low-risk Country form (instructions). This may be the most convenient option for Canadian owners and fanciers. This form will be valid for multiple entries into the U.S. for the duration the rabies vaccination is valid (1-3 years) if it contains information about the rabies vaccination administered in a rabies-free or low-risk country.
 - If this form does not contain rabies vaccination information, it will be valid for a single entry into the U.S. and only for the 30 days after the form was issued.

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AKC Reiterated Strong Concerns with the Increase in the Minimum Age for Importation

AKC staff challenged the increase in the minimum age a dog may be imported. AKC suggested that there is real value in allowing the importation of puppies at four months of age, if fully vaccinated and having only been in a rabies-free or low-risk country. These benefits include puppies bonding with new owners, training, and veterinary care. AKC reiterated that allowing the importation of these personally owned puppies (which is still permitted until August 1, 2024) has not proved to present an increased risk in disease introduction or transmission.

CDC staff noted AKC's concerns. CDC also spoke to two importation problems it continues to deal with: Unscrupulous importers that try to falsify health paperwork (which they continue to see attempted on a daily basis), and that it currently has no way to distinguish the importation of personally owned dogs from the importation of dogs imported for commercial reasons. However, CDC also expressed their openness to hearing ideas on adjustments to the rule that may be needed, and recognized that there are more issues that may need to be discussed.

The new import/entry requirements will go into effect as scheduled, on August 1, 2024. However, respectful communication with CDC and your members of Congress will play an important role potential future exceptions or enforcement flexibility. [Click here to help impact future policy changes.](#)

The best source for the latest information from CDC on dog importation is the CDC's online resources at www.cdc.gov/dogtravel. CDC staff may be reached at (404) 498-1600, or at cdcanimalimports@cdc.gov.





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June 24, 2024

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES 2024-2025 VETERINARY OUTREACH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

New York, NY- The American Kennel Club (AKC®), a not-for-profit organization, the world's largest purebred dog registry, and leading advocate for dogs, continues its commitment to students pursuing veterinary studies with the announcement of the 2024-2025 AKC Veterinary Outreach Scholarship recipients.

These scholarships aim to support those with backgrounds in AKC events and programs seeking to promote animal health and medicine. A total of \$122,000 in scholarship money was awarded with awards ranging from \$2,000-\$10,000. The AKC would especially like to thank the Kennel Club of Philadelphia for their generous support of students at the University of Pennsylvania and the Windham County Kennel Club for their ongoing support of veterinary students at Tufts University.

"It's not easy balancing academia with AKC events and more, but each of these students has risen above and beyond the challenge," said Mari-Beth O'Neill, VP of Sport Services. "We are confident and excited about their ability to make a difference in the world of veterinary medicine."

Recipients of the AKC Veterinary Outreach Scholarship are as follows:

- Christina Capparell (University of Pennsylvania)
- Robert Cochran (University of Pennsylvania)
- Alaina Duessel (University of Pennsylvania)
- Laura Grant (University of Pennsylvania)
- Julianna King (University of Pennsylvania)
- Marisa Melo (Texas A&M University)
- Cole Ferreira (University of Florida)
- Koedi Lawley (Colorado State University)
- Melissa McBride (North Carolina State University)
- Claire Merriman (University of Missouri)
- Elizabeth Patton (Colorado State University)
- Deirdre Givens Mandryk (Tufts University)
- Taylor Miller (Tufts University)
- Caroline Blair (Texas A&M University)
- Alysa Giudici (Cornell University)
- Ethan Elazegui (University of Wisconsin)
- Alyssa Leslie (Kansas State University)
- Emma Root (Cornell University)
- Janae Wiley (University of Missouri)
- Skylar Carstairs (University of Florida)
- Brooke Dominello (Mississippi State University)
- Haley Hemmings (Lincoln Memorial University)
- Jerilyn Nelson (Kansas State University)
- Amelia Sitzes (Purdue University)
- Emilia Starchvick (Oregon State University)



To learn more about AKC's commitment to education, please visit www.akc.org.



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June 2024 Update to Clubs

Reminder - Opportunities for Majors at Specialties Effective July 3, 2024

At the December 2023 Delegates meeting a modification to Chapter 16, Section 1 of the [AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows](#) was approved by the Delegate body. The modification provides all specialty clubs the option for the Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch to earn a three-point major provided that the number of dogs competing in the regular classes of the Reserve Winner's sex totals at least twice the number required for a five-point major, in the region in which the event is held. Previously this option was only available at a breed's National Specialty. Clubs must opt-out on their event application if they do not want this option available at their specialty show. This option is available for events held on or after July 3, 2024.

DO NOT FORGET! - Review the club's premium list before publishing

It is essential that a club thoroughly and carefully review its premium list to ensure all information included within is accurate. A recurring issue that we are seeing is clubs retaining the same base information in their premium list from year to year. This can result in publishing contact information that is incorrect. It is very important that the contact information for the club, the Show Chair, and Show Veterinarian are correct. It is especially critical that the club verify the contact information for the Show Veterinarian is accurate and up to date. Be reminded, prior to the publication of their premium list the club should arrange with a veterinarian or local veterinarian clinic to serve as the Show Veterinarian, either in-person or on-call. If on-call, the Show Veterinarian should be located within easy driving distance.

Additionally, clubs must have available at the superintendent's or show secretary's table, handouts giving the name, phone number, and directions to the nearest emergency clinic. These should also be provided to the Show Veterinarian if on site. If there is no emergency clinic in the area, provide information for the most convenient vet's office. The hours the clinic or office is open should be verified and included in the handout.

Scheduling of Junior Showmanship Competition

To alleviate as many conflicts as possible with Junior Showmanship competition and other events, an option clubs may consider is to schedule the judging of the junior showmanship classes during the show's lunch break when feasible. Factors such as the size of the junior showmanship entry, the overall assignment of the judge assigned to these classes, and if the club is hosting a RHP Junior Clinic will not make this possible for some clubs. However, for those who can, doing so will mitigate conflicts for the junior competitors, and further showcase the competition at your show.

AKC Event Operations Blog

The AKC Event Operations team maintains a blog that contains these, as well as other, updates to clubs.

Please contact the Event Operations department at eventnews@akc.org with any questions.





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Leptospirosis Now Included in Canine Core Vaccine Recommendations

By Claire Wiley, VMD, DACVIM

Updated: Jun 26, 2024

BACK TO DOG BREEDING

In a significant move, veterinary health authorities have updated the core vaccine recommendations for dogs to now include the leptospirosis vaccine. This update is particularly important for dog breeders, who play a crucial role in the health and well-being of future generations of dogs.

The leptospirosis vaccine has been controversial for decades with stories of severe vaccine reactions, including death in puppies. Late last year, the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) published an update to its 2010 consensus statement on leptospirosis in dogs, which incorporates over a decade of research and information to provide more insight into preventing, diagnosing, and treating this zoonotic disease. As part of that update, the leaders in veterinary infectious disease recommend including leptospirosis as a core vaccine for all dogs. This new recommendation encourages dog owners and breeders to reconsider their views on vaccination for leptospirosis.

Understanding Leptospirosis

Leptospirosis is a bacterial infection caused by the *Leptospira* bacteria, which can affect dogs, humans, and other animals. It is typically spread through the urine of infected animals, contaminating water sources and soil. Dogs can contract leptospirosis by drinking contaminated water, coming into contact with contaminated soil, or through open wounds. The disease can cause severe kidney and liver damage, and in some cases, it can be fatal. There are over 250 different types, known as serovars, of leptospirosis.

Currently in North America, vaccines containing 4 serovars (*Icterohaemorrhagiae*, *Canicola*, *Grippityphosa*, and *Pomona*) are available, and typically provide protection for 12 months. The vaccine provides protection for the specific serovar, but cross-protection for other serovars has been documented. Therefore, awareness of leptospirosis and environmental management are still important components of prevention.

Why the Change?

The inclusion of leptospirosis in the core vaccine recommendations is driven by several factors:

1. **Increased Incidence:** There has been a notable rise in leptospirosis cases in various regions, posing a significant health risk to dogs.
2. **Geographic Spread:** Previously considered a risk in rural or tropical areas, leptospirosis has become more widespread, affecting urban and suburban areas.
3. **Severity of Disease:** Given the potentially severe and fatal nature of the disease, ensuring widespread vaccination can prevent serious health issues and fatalities.
4. **Improved Vaccines:** Leptospirosis vaccines historically had a high rate of side effects compared to other core vaccines. Improvements in the past decade, backed by scientific studies, show that the incidence of anaphylaxis and other side effects has decreased.
5. **Zoonotic Potential:** Leptospirosis can be transmitted from dogs to humans, which poses a significant and possibly fatal risk to people.

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Core Vaccine Recommendations

Core vaccines are those that are considered essential for all dogs due to the severity and widespread nature of the diseases they prevent. They are recommended for all dogs, unless there's a medical need not to vaccinate. Ultimately, the AKC recommends discussing these updated recommendations with your dog's veterinarian.

The updated list of core vaccines now includes:

1. Canine Distemper Virus (CDV)
2. Canine Adenovirus-2 (CAV-2)
3. Canine Parvovirus (CPV)
4. Rabies Virus
5. Leptospirosis

Leptospirosis vaccines require 2 initial injections spaced 4 weeks apart, which can be started in puppies at 12 weeks of age or later. The ACVIM is recommending administering vaccines annually to all dogs starting at 12 weeks of age, regardless of breed. The vaccine is also being recommended as a requirement for boarding kennels.

Implications for Dog Breeders

Leptospirosis vaccine has had an unfavorable reputation among breeders for decades, so it is understandable to have reservations about these updated recommendations. If a breeder is concerned about giving puppies a leptospirosis vaccine based on past experiences, there are a few options that can be discussed with your veterinarian.

Consider administering only the leptospirosis vaccine at one visit, without the other core vaccines. Monitor a puppy or dog for 48 hours after administration for signs of a reaction, including fever, lethargy, decreased appetite, or swelling at the vaccination site. Signs of anaphylaxis typically occur within a few minutes to hours after vaccination and include fainting or collapse, vomiting or diarrhea, difficulty breathing, swelling or puffiness in the head, and red itchy bumps. If a vaccine reaction occurs, then it is known to be a result of the leptospirosis vaccine.

As custodians of their breed's future, dog breeders must stay informed about health recommendations to ensure they are providing the best care for their dogs. Here are key considerations and steps for breeders in light of this update:

1. Vaccination Protocols: Update vaccination protocols to include leptospirosis as part of the core vaccinations for all breeding dogs and puppies.
2. Health Records: Maintain detailed health records for all dogs, including vaccination history. Provide new puppy owners with comprehensive health records and information on the importance of ongoing vaccinations.
3. Breeder Education: Stay informed about the latest research and recommendations on canine health. Participate in continuing education opportunities and collaborate with veterinarians to ensure best practices.
4. Buyer Education: Educate puppy buyers about the importance of the leptospirosis vaccine and other core vaccines. Provide information on the risks of leptospirosis, how it spreads, and the benefits of vaccination.
5. Environmental Management: Implement strategies to reduce the risk of leptospirosis in your breeding environment. This includes controlling rodent populations, preventing access to stagnant water sources, and maintaining good hygiene practices.



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Conclusion

The inclusion of leptospirosis in the core vaccine recommendations marks a significant advancement in canine health care. For breeders, this update emphasizes the importance of comprehensive vaccination programs to protect their dogs from potentially severe diseases. By integrating the leptospirosis vaccine into routine care, breeders can help ensure the long-term health and well-being of their dogs and contribute positively to the overall health of the canine community.

Citation:

Sykes JE, Francey T, Schuller S, Stoddard RA, Cowgill LD, Moore GE. Updated ACVIM consensus statement on leptospirosis in dogs. *J Vet Intern Med.* 2023; 37(6): 1966-1982. doi:10.1111/jvim.16903



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