## LIFESTYLES OF THE Healthy and Protected

Not every dog needs every vaccine! Find out if your pup is a social butterfly, an explorer, or a tick magnet (or all three!), then talk with your veterinarian to make your dog's vaccine plan as unique as he is.









## **EXPLORERS**

**What they do:** Work hard and play hard. They love the outdoors and may swim in or drink from freshwater lakes or streams. Explorers also stroll the city streets and parks and drink from rain puddles or swim in the park pond or lake.

Where they go: Wherever the wild things (wildlife, livestock, rodents) are: forests, parks, neighborhoods, farmland, bodies of freshwater, and city streets.

What vaccines they need: Leptospira (against four subtypes: canicola, icterohaemorrhagiae, grippotyphosa, and pomona)—often called the "Lepto" vaccine for short.

Why they need them: Leptospira bacteria can live for months in soil and water contaminated by the urine of livestock, rodents, wild animals, and other dogs. If the bacteria comes into contact with a dog, the dog can develop kidney and/or liver failure, lung disease, and bleeding disorders.

## TICK MAGNETS

What they do: Get bitten by ticks in areas where Lyme disease occurs.

Where they go: Yards, forests, parks, and fields where deer, rodents, and ticks live.

What vaccines they need: Borrelia burgdorferi (Lyme) vaccine.

Why they need them: Vaccination against the bacteria that causes Lyme disease can help prevent infection. Joint pain, fever, and fatal kidney failure can be consequences of this disease. They also need flea-and tick-protection products as an additional layer of protection.



Talk to your veterinarian about your dog's vaccination needs.





