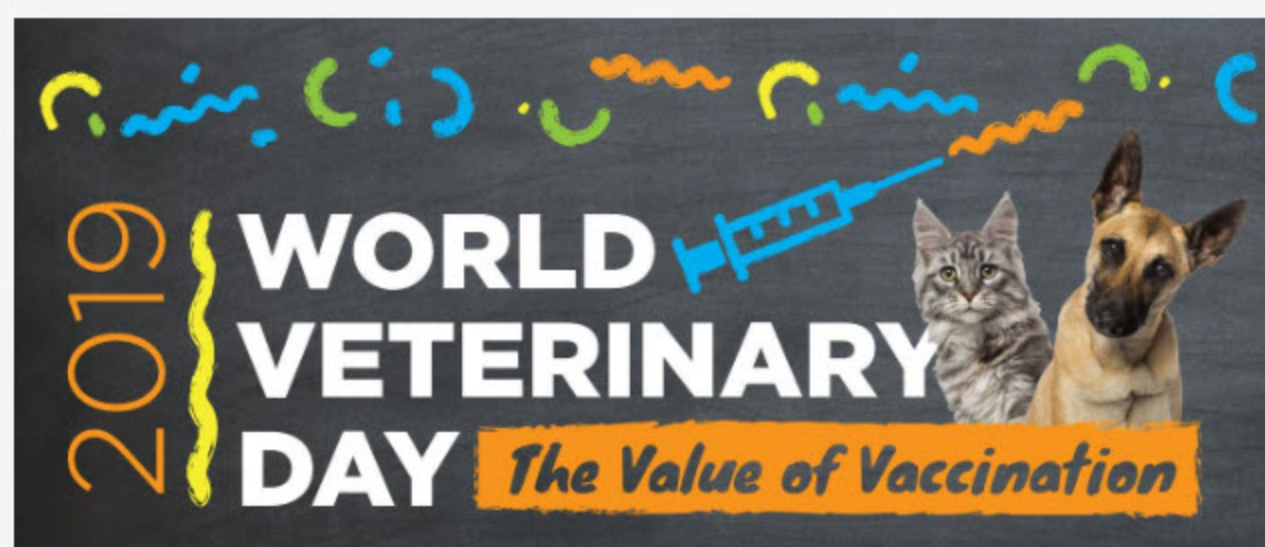


I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills **for the benefit of society** through the protection of animal health and welfare, the prevention and relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

Excerpt, The Veterinarian's Oath

Dear Clients,

World Veterinary Day is April 27. Help us celebrate the bond between veterinarians, our patients, and the humans who love them, through this year's theme: **The Value of Vaccination.**



Did you know that veterinarians take an oath not just to protect animals, but to protect you, too? Disease prevention in pets and livestock plays a huge role in public health, and vaccination is a key part of that protection.

Animal vaccination has reduced, and in some areas ended, the threat to humans of certain animal-borne diseases such as brucellosis or rabies.

What is Vaccination?

Simply put, vaccines help the body to recognize a specific disease-causing agent such as a bacteria or virus by triggering the immune system to recognize and produce antibodies against that agent without actually causing illness.



Those antibodies then stop the disease-causing bacteria or virus before it can multiply in the body and make the animal ill. Stopping disease before it starts not only keeps individual animals healthy, it keeps them from spreading that disease to other animals or even to people.



Are Vaccines Safe?

Your pet's safety matters to us, and protecting your pet's health is our main job. While some individual animals may have an undesirable reaction to vaccination, life-threatening vaccine reactions are rare.

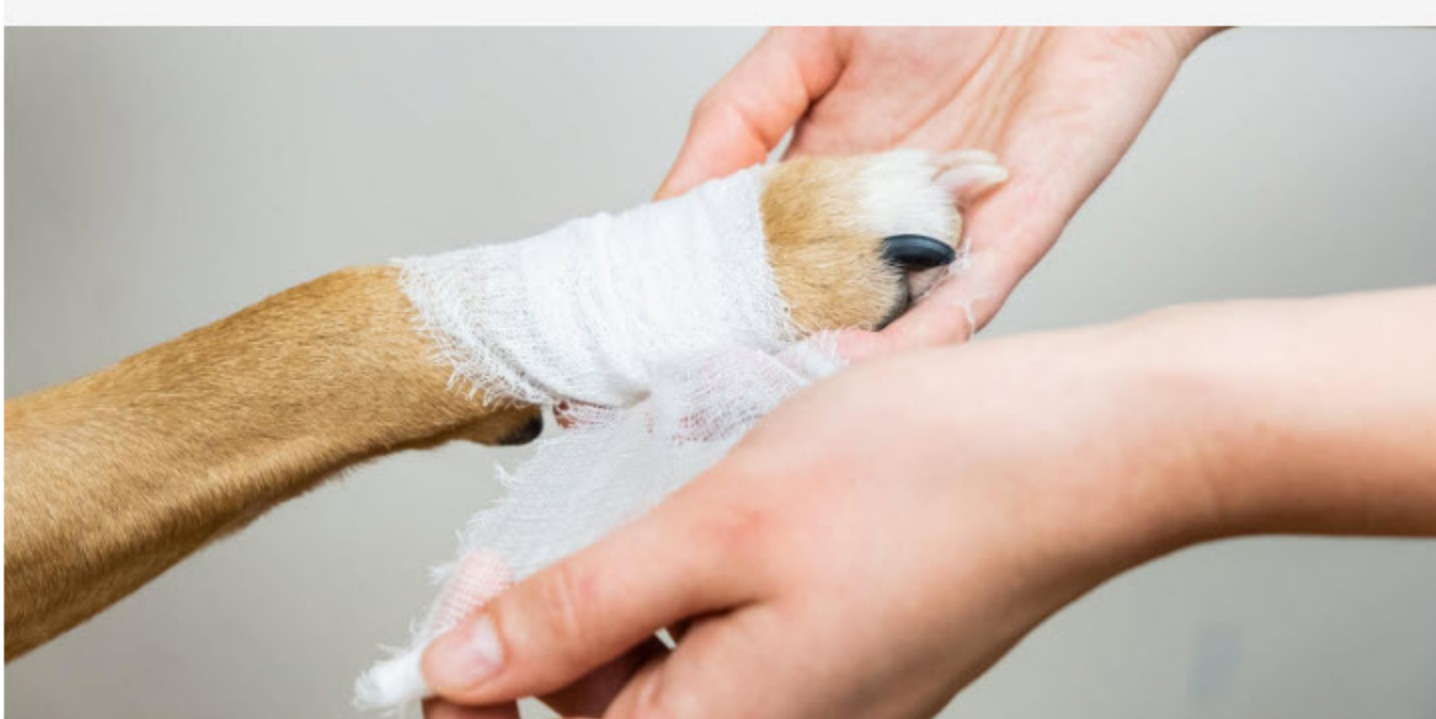
If your pet has experienced a vaccine reaction, we can help you determine the risks of disease exposure in your area vs. the risk of vaccination.

What vaccines does my pet need?

Vaccines are categorized by "core" and "non-core". Core vaccines are those needed by every animal, either because it is required by law or because exposure is high regardless of travel, geography, or lifestyle (indoor vs. outdoor, for example). Non-core vaccines are those that protect against diseases that not every animal will encounter.



Please tell us about your pet's lifestyle (e.g. time spent outdoors) so we can accurately determine their exposure risks. We'll work together to determine the best vaccination schedule for your pet based on lifestyle, housing, age, and the incidence of diseases in our area.



For nearly 20 years, World Veterinary Day has been an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of veterinarians to the health of animals and society. **We're so thankful for our wonderful veterinarians and their commitment to the health of pets and humans in our community!**

If you'd like to, we invite you to send your best wishes to our team for a happy World Veterinary Day.

As always, we thank you for your business and for trusting us with your pet's care!

Sincerely,
 Your friends at Brittmoore Animal Hospital