

## **Leptospirosis Vaccine**

The distemper vaccine we give your dog is a 5 in 1 vaccine that includes distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza, parvovirus, and leptospirosis. Research indicates the vaccination gives protective immunity for two to three years except for the leptospirosis component.

Leptospirosis is a bacteria that can affect animals and humans. It is most commonly spread in the urine of infected wild animals and can be found in ponds and streams. Leptospirosis can cause sudden kidney failure in dogs and is often fatal. Symptoms include fever, depression, loss of appetite, nausea, and increased thirst.

The immunity created/produced by leptospirosis vaccination may not last more than a year. For this reason we recommend boosting the Lepto vaccine annually.