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## All About Vaccinations

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Vaccines can prevent many diseases and help your pets live longer and healthier lives. Following are some facts about a few diseases that are pertinent to pets living on the Front Range.



**Rabies**- Rabies can be transmitted by many wild animals including bats, raccoons, foxes, and skunks. Currently we are seeing an increase in the number of rabid skunks along the Front Range. The best way to protect against this deadly disease is to keep both dogs and cats vaccinated and minimize their contact with wild animals.

**Leptospirosis**- Leptospirosis is a disease that can be transmitted by rats, mice, deer, foxes, and other wild animals and their urine. This disease attacks the liver and kidneys and can cause severe damage in a short period of time. Currently the vaccine protects for the four (of eight) most common types of Leptospirosis.

**Canine Influenza**- Canine Influenza is a highly contagious respiratory infection that is prevalent in Colorado and can be quite severe. It is a relatively new virus and consequently most dogs are susceptible to it. It is easily spread between dogs at dog parks, boarding or grooming facilities, and other social settings.

For further information about these and other preventable diseases, please talk with your veterinarian.




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