

bite, which could be fatal in your dog if not prevented, and one type of [Tapeworm](#) (*Echinococcus multilocularis*), which can cause serious and fatal disease in people.

If you are intending to travel with your dog, you should talk to your vet in plenty of time to establish the best worming regime to ensure the protection of both your dog's health and that of your family.

For further information about what you need to do before, during, and after travel abroad with your dog, refer to the [Pet Travel Scheme guidelines](#) on the DEFRA website, [www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-pets/pets/travel](http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-pets/pets/travel).

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## **Vaccinations Advice**

There are a number of common infectious diseases that dogs are susceptible to throughout their entire life. Some of these diseases are life threatening and young puppies are particularly vulnerable, so it is vitally important that your puppy is vaccinated against them at a young age. Further vaccination is essential to ensure that your puppy continues to be healthy and happy throughout its entire life.

### **First vaccinations**

Your puppy can receive its first vaccination from approximately eight weeks of age, although this can vary depending on the normal practice of your vet. Your vet will start your puppy on a course of vaccinations against the four main infectious diseases:

### **Canine Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus and Leptospirosis.**

All of these diseases can be fatal so after its first course of vaccinations, your puppy will need booster vaccinations according to your vet's advice.

Once a puppy is vaccinated, the vet will issue a vaccination certificate showing a record of exactly when the puppy was vaccinated and which product was used. This should be kept safe as you may need to show them at boarding kennels, dog-training classes or if you take your dog abroad. It is also useful should you change your vet and he may recommend a slightly different regime,