



## **Your vet swears an oath of 'FIRST DO NO HARM'**

**If your vet tells you ANY of the below is untrue then they are breaking their oath.**

- Annual Vaccination against the core diseases is unnecessary:  
Immunity against viral disease is long lasting and potentially lifelong.  
'Boosters' do not 'add immunity' to an already immune animal.  
Titre (blood) testing is the only way to scientifically show your pet is immune.  
Titre testing is available in-practice, with quick results and is inexpensive.  
Three year licensed vaccines are available where re-vaccination is required.  
Vaccination is not without risk – from mild to fatal.  
Vaccines should not be given to an unhealthy animal.  
Most vets are unaware of possible reactions so will not suspect a vaccine reaction.  
Your vet cannot provide you with scientific evidence that annual re-vaccination against viral disease is necessary, because it does not exist (and never has).
- Leptospirosis: Veterinary claims that Leptospirosis is 'endemic' is based on anecdote and industry sales data and is untrue. The vaccine should only be used where there is a known and proven risk and is the one most associated with severe reactions. Leptospirosis is a treatable disease in healthy dogs (and is against licensing for use in unhealthy animals).
- Kennel Cough: Kennel Cough is not a vaccine preventable disease, is not life threatening and is treatable in healthy animals (and the vaccine is against licensing for use in unhealthy animals). The vaccine can cause outbreaks and cross-infect immune compromised humans.
- Dog clubs, training etc: Clubs that have updated vaccine policy will not insist on annual vaccination.
- Kennels/Catteries/Home Boarding: Check with your local authority, they may now have updated their licensing conditions and may NOT demand annual vaccination.
- Insurance: Ring round for Pet and Kennel insurance where you do not have to vaccinate annually and this does not affect your other cover.

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**For further information read our 'Is your pet at risk? – The basic facts' leaflet available at: <http://www.petwelfarealliance.org/how-you-can-help.html>**

**See what vets are saying at:**  
<http://www.petwelfarealliance.org/vets-on-vaccines.html>

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