



# Vaccination Regulations of the Finnish Kennel Club

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Dog shows, trials, competitions as well as other organized canine events (later referred to as event) in Finland are subject to Vaccination Regulations below. The organizer of the event has a duty to make sure that Vaccination Regulations have been followed. The dog must have a vaccination certificate (vaccination data in the Finnish Kennel Club's mobile application Omakoira App, a vaccination record, or a pet passport). The vaccination certificate must include, marked by a veterinarian, the expiration date of the vaccination, identification data of the dog, and previous vaccinations.

The first vaccination against canine distemper, canine parvovirus, infectious canine hepatitis, and kennel cough (quadrivalent vaccine, or trivalent vaccine and kennel cough vaccine) is recommended to be administered to a 12-week-old puppy. Booster vaccinations are administered in accordance with the summary of product characteristics. The first vaccination against rabies is administered to a puppy in accordance with the summary of product characteristics, usually at the age of 4 months.

A dog's vaccination certificate must clearly state the dog's identification details as well as the expiration date of the vaccination administered to the dog in accordance with the summary of product characteristics for the vaccine in question. In order to attend an event, a dog must have the following valid vaccinations:

## **Vaccinations against canine distemper, canine parvovirus, and infectious canine hepatitis:**

A dog must be vaccinated against canine distemper, canine parvovirus, and infectious canine hepatitis. Vaccinations administered in puppyhood or when the dog is older are valid in accordance with the summary of product characteristics for the vaccine in question. Observe the time of onset of immunity before the vaccination becomes valid.

## **Vaccination against rabies:**

A dog must be vaccinated against rabies. Vaccinations are valid in accordance with the summary of product characteristics. Observe the time of onset of immunity before the vaccination becomes valid.

## **Time of onset of immunity for expired vaccinations against canine distemper, canine parvovirus, infectious canine hepatitis, and rabies:**

If a dog's vaccination has expired, the vaccination must in all cases be renewed at least in accordance with the time of onset of immunity mentioned in the summary of product characteristics.

A dog may attend events the day after the time of onset of immunity has been met. In other words, if the time of onset of immunity is 21 days, the dog may attend an event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day after the vaccination.

**Further instructions for dog owners and veterinarians:**

For a dog attending events, a yearly booster vaccination against kennel cough is recommended.

Dogs arriving from abroad are, in addition to the Finnish Kennel Club's Vaccination Regulations, also subject to the Finnish Food Authority's valid regulations.

Please note! The Finnish Kennel Club's Vaccination Regulations may differ from vaccination requirements for import. Valid requirements can be found on the website of the Finnish Food Authority.

**Other regulations regarding infectious diseases:**

If a dog contracts canine distemper, canine parvovirus, infectious canine hepatitis, kennel cough, or some other similar infectious respiratory or gastrointestinal tract inflammation, the dog in question may not attend an event before it has been free of signs of the relevant disease for at least two weeks. The same restriction also applies to dogs of the same household showing no signs of the disease. Parasitic infections must be duly treated before a dog may attend an event.