

## **Camelot Rhodesian Ridgebacks**

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### **Puppy Health Record (Dawn-Daka puppies; litter number HP0345456)**

**Birthday:** January 25, 2003

**Worming:** March 5/6, 2003 [Two treatments, Erliworm]

**Vaccinations:** March 15, 2003 [7 weeks] (Intervet Progard-5, DA<sub>2</sub>P+CPV, modified live)

**Veterinary Exams:** March 13, 2003 [CERF exam, Dr. Dennis Hacker, DVM, DAVCO; Animal Eye Specialists; 10324 San Pablo Avenue; El Cerrito, CA 94530; 510-559-1755]

March 17, 2003 [General exam, Dr. James Pogrell; Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center, 2000 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, CA 94583; 925-866-8387]

**Recommendation:** We recommend two more vaccinations with Intervet Progard-5 at 10 and 13 weeks of age. In addition, your puppy must be vaccinated for rabies after 16 weeks of age (this is the law in most states, including California). Most veterinarians recommend that puppies be vaccinated against kennel cough (canine infectious tracheo-bronchitis, caused by *Bordetella bronchiseptica*). Kennel cough is not a very serious disease, being somewhat akin to a bad cold. However, it is highly contagious and the vaccination is simple and does not seem to have associated side reactions, so it is a good idea. Most kennels require bordetella vaccination before they will accept a dog.

Until recently, it was common practice to vaccinate also against leptospirosis and canine coronavirus. The UC Davis Veterinary School recommends against vaccination for coronavirus for dogs in private homes:

[[http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ccah/Prog-ID/ID-Facts\\_Vax-home.htm](http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ccah/Prog-ID/ID-Facts_Vax-home.htm)]

The commercial leptospirosis vaccine only provides protection against one or two strains of the virus, and these have also been largely eliminated. In addition, there is strong evidence that many allergic responses to vaccination are caused by the leptospirosis component:

[<http://www.peteducation.com/dogs/lepto.htm>]

**Boosters:** It is recommended that your dog have boosters for parvovirus, distemper, canine adenovirus-2, canine parainfluenza, and rabies at 16 months of age. After this, a rabies booster is required by California State law every three years thereafter. DHPP boosters should be given either annually or triennially, depending on your veterinarian's recommendation.

**Heartworm Medication:** We recommend that you ask your vet to prescribe heartworm medication for your puppy. We use the monthly Interceptor treatment for our own dogs and have had good luck with that. A related product, named Heartgard, is also available. These medications are both based on the drug ivermectin, which also protects against roundworms, hookworms, and whipworms.