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WHY DO WE VACCINATE OUR PETS?

## PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Some contagious diseases that are potentially fatal in pets are easily prevented by vaccination. Risk of exposure to different pathogens may differ depending on your pet's location and lifestyle.



## COST EFFECTIVENESS

Prevention is better than cure. Vaccination is one of the most effective ways to protect and ensure the health of your pet when compared to the resources required to treat diseases.

## PROOF OF PROTECTION

A formal documentation, usually in the form of a signed vaccination card, is provided by your veterinarian after your pet receives a vaccination. This documentation may be required as proof of protection by boarding facilities or for export purposes.



## SAFETY AND SIDE-EFFECTS

Commercially available and registered vaccines are subjected to stringent standards and are generally safe. The benefits of protection far outweighs the risk of side-effects. Owners may consult their trusted veterinarians to check for antibody levels prior to vaccination.

## COMBAT ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

Due to overuse and misuse of antibiotics, antimicrobial resistance is a major concern in both human and animal health. Vaccination is an effective way to prevent infections and thereby reducing the need for antibiotics.



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