



## Vaccination Debate What is Best for Your Pet!

### **The Debate:**

- There is a trend that suggests lessening the frequency of vaccinations to every 3 years.
- In recent years we have seen several cases of adult dogs that were only moderately overdue on their vaccinations develop Canine Parvovirus infections.
- Vaccine manufacturer's and FDA approval is based on yearly vaccine.
- Saddleback Animal Hospital *does not* feel that yearly booster vaccines carry enough risk to warrant the risk of contracting a life threatening infectious disease.
- However, if a client prefers to vaccinate every third year we will honor that decision unless your pet is admitted to our facility for any boarding, grooming or hospitalization.

### **Our Policy:**

- We disagree with decreasing the frequency of yearly vaccinations.
- It is our policy that after puppies and kittens have finished their initial series of vaccines, they receive booster vaccinations on a yearly basis (excluding canine rabies).

### **Boarding, Grooming and Hospitalization:**

- **DOGS** admitted to our facility will not be accepted without BI-yearly Bordetella and yearly DHPP vaccines, as well as Rabies vaccines every 3 years.
  - UNLESS the client chooses to have their pet's Canine Distemper and Canine Parvovirus antibody levels measured through a blood test.
  - Dogs that have these results that indicate protective antibody levels for these infections will not be required to have the yearly DHPP vaccinations.
  - Saddleback Animal Hospital does not guarantee the accuracy of these tests.
- **CATS** admitted to our facility will not be accepted without yearly FVRCP, FELV and Rabies.