

Star City Canine Training Club (SCCTC) VACCINATION POLICY

(Effective January 1, 2023)

The SCCTC has adopted the following vaccination policy for the well being of dogs, their owners and handlers.

Puppies must be at least 12 weeks of age by the second class to be allowed in Puppy Class or at Club Facilities. If a puppy 8 weeks to 11 weeks is given a letter of approval from their veterinarian stating the puppy is up to date on vaccinations and in good health, the puppy will be allowed to take the Puppy Class. This letter must be sent with the class application or given to the instructor the first night of class. If a veterinarian does not feel the puppy should be in class before 12 weeks of age, the owner may come to class without the puppy, and when the puppy reaches 12 weeks of age, the puppy may then join the class.

In accordance with VA state law up to date rabies vaccinations are required and proof shall be provided in the form of a rabies vaccination record from a licensed veterinarian for dogs over the age of four months. Titers for rabies vaccinations are not acceptable as proof according to VA state law.

SCCTC also requires core vaccines for “DAPP” or “DHPP” (Canine Distemper, Canine Hepatitis/Adenovirus, Canine Parvovirus, and Canine Parainfluenza), typically given as a 1 or 3 year vaccine (records must indicate if vaccination given is a 1 or 3 year vaccine). Titers for these core vaccines are acceptable, but must be updated at least every 3 years. If an owner gives his/her own vaccines, we will need a copy of the receipt of vaccine purchase, whether it is a 1 year or 3 year vaccine and the date it is administered in writing. Owners will be required to submit proof of vaccinations or titers as they are updated. These copies stay on file with SCCTC.

For class participants, it is the instructor’s responsibility to give all vaccination records not submitted online to the obedience/agility chairperson after the first class. Owners who have not provided proof of vaccination by the second week of class will be asked to take class without their dog until they submit proof of vaccination.

These vaccination requirements shall apply to all dogs taking classes and to Club Member dogs (and their out of town guests) using Club Facilities as part of their membership benefits.

“Club facilities” are defined as inside the Building and inside the fenced Agility fields. Since the areas outside of the Building and Agility Fields can be accessed by the public, they are not included.

For trials and seminars taking place at Club Facilities, it shall be up to the sponsoring organization (eg. AKC, etc.) and Club organizer of the event to determine the vaccination requirements for participants and shall be responsible for posting the requirements and collecting any vaccinations records as needed and forwarding those to the Training Director.

If you feel you have a special circumstance that prohibits you from complying with SCCTC’s vaccination policy and would like to see if you may be able to get an exemption, contact the Training Director.

