



RATTLESNAKE SEASON IS NOW!

RATTLESNAKE FAQ

Q. How dangerous are rattlesnake bites to dogs?

A. Rattlesnake bites are about 25 times more fatal in dogs than humans. Even dogs that survive the bite can be permanently damaged.

Q. Which dogs should receive the Rattlesnake Vaccine?

A. Any dog over four months of age that can potentially be exposed to rattlesnakes whether at home, walking, hiking, camping, hunting, or elsewhere would be a good candidate for the rattlesnake vaccine.

Q. How is the rattlesnake vaccine different from Antivenin?

A. The Rattlesnake Vaccine is a preventative medicine whereas antivenin is a treatment for rattlesnake bites. The vaccine stimulates a dog to create his own antibodies to rattlesnake venom that will protect him from future rattlesnake bites.

Considering we live in close proximity of the foothills, we are at greater risk of Rattlesnake bites. We live, play and share the Rattlesnake habitat with them. Damage caused by rattlesnake bite can be serious and possibly fatal. When injected into an unprotected dog, the toxins in snake venom are very painful and can have serious consequences. Even if your dog survives the immediate effects of a rattlesnake bite, he can be permanently injured by the venom.

Treatment of rattlesnake bite is expensive.

Treatment of snakebite may include antivenin injections that can cost thousands of dollars. Vaccination can reduce the impact of snakebite, reduce or eliminate the need for antivenin, and decrease other treatment costs.

The Rattlesnake Vaccine Stimulates Your Dog's Own Immunity.

Vaccines work by stimulating an animal's immunity to defend against potentially harmful agents. The Red Rock Rattlesnake Vaccine is intended to help create an immunity that will protect your dog against rattlesnake venom. Even after your dog is vaccinated against rattlesnake venom, they should be taken to a veterinarian for evaluation and care as soon as possible following snakebite. Veterinarians can determine whether your dog will require additional treatment. Even bites by non-venomous snakes can lead to serious infections and antibiotic treatment may be needed. Veterinarians are the best people to consult regarding the medical decisions for your dog.

March is Rattlesnake Awareness Month. Make your appointment today to have your dog vaccinated with Red Rock Rattlesnake Vaccine and receive \$5.00 OFF

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