

## PUPPY AND KITTEN VACCINATIONS

Client Information Series

### Why do puppies and kittens need so many vaccines?

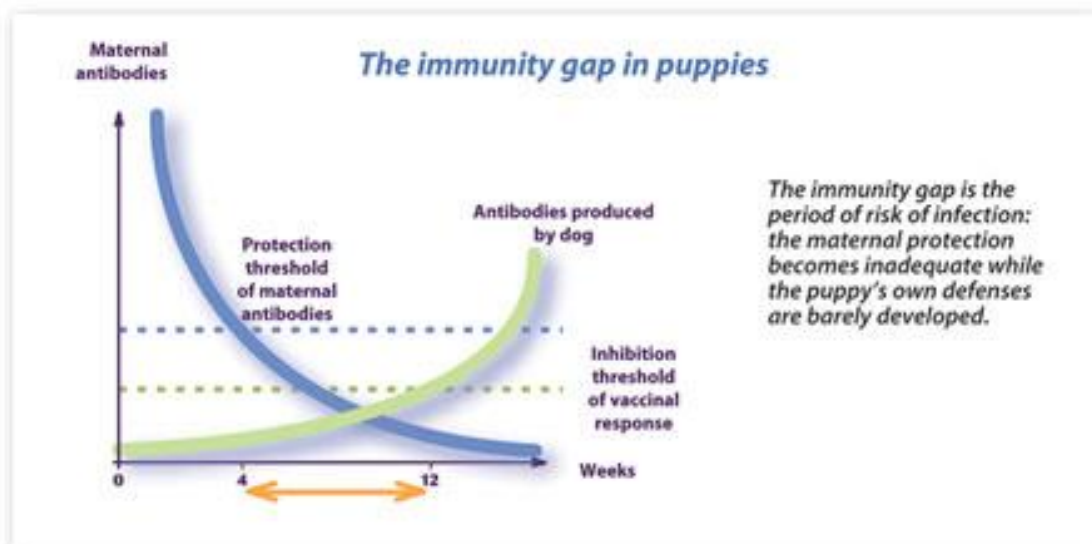
Puppies and kittens are born with an immature immune system, leaving them open to infections and diseases.

Colostrum milk from the mother is filled with protective antibodies, which fight off these infections and diseases, but also fights off vaccines that are given by the veterinarian.

These protective antibodies last up to 12 – 16 weeks of age in most animals but in some individuals they last a shorter amount of time.

Since we don't know which puppies or kittens will lose their protective antibodies early we recommend vaccinating all puppies and kittens every 3 – 4 weeks starting at 6 – 11 weeks of age. The last vaccine of the series should be given after 16 weeks of age.

This vaccination series helps to insure the best protection for your puppy and kitten.



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