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What is New in Veterinary Medicine

At ZimmVet, we are always evaluating new and updated products and technologies. We want to offer products that are safe, easy to give and provide the protection pets need. Talk to your veterinarian next time you are in about what is best for your pet.

Cytopoint Allergy Injection

ZimmVet is excited to offer Cytopoint. This is another tool to help pets with allergies.

- CYTOPOINT is a monoclonal antibody that specifically targets and neutralizes canine IL-31, an important cytokine involved in sending the itch signal to the brain in pets with allergies
- Because it is highly targeted to a specific cytokine involved in canine atopic dermatitis (allergies), CYTOPOINT has minimal impact on normal immune functions
 - Benefits include: Quick acting within 24 hours; A single injection lasts 4-8 weeks; The injection can be given at your veterinary clinic or at home. At ZimmVet we offer to teach owners how to give it at home as well; Safe for all ages; No interaction with other medications, including other allergy medications

Cytopoint treatment eliminates daily dosing, and is safe with other medications. In pets with severe allergies, we can combine Cytopoint with other allergy medications to provide even more relief.

Read more about Cytopoint at: <https://www.zoetisus.com/products/dogs/cytopoint/index.aspx>

Influenza Vaccination

Many pet owners remember the dog flu outbreak in 2015. This outbreak was a new strain of dog flu to the United States, H3N2. We now have a canine flu vaccine that covers not only the original H3N8 Flu strain, but also the new H3N2 strain. This vaccine needs an initial vaccine, a booster vaccination a few weeks later and a yearly booster vaccine.

Should your dog get the Flu vaccination? Any dog that is around other dogs is at risk. Talk to your veterinarian if you should vaccinate your dog. High Risk activities include: Puppy classes, Doggie day care, Boarding, Grooming, Dog shows, Dog sports events, Dog park visits, Contacting other dogs in your neighborhood, Visiting any gathering of multiple dogs.

Many people are familiar with the human flu vaccine. The main difference is that there are only two strains of dog flu vs. many strains of human flu. This influenza vaccine covers both strains, and is available at ZimmVet.

Read more about canine Influenza at: <http://www.doginfluenza.com/>

Lyme Vaccination

Everyone knows there are a lot of ticks in Minnesota, and those ticks carry diseases such as Lyme disease. The State of Minnesota just reclassified Lyme disease as a year-round disease. That means that your pet can be bit by a tick in January, if the temperatures are above freezing. Once Lyme bacteria is inside the pet, it changes the proteins it expresses. Now there is a vaccine, which battles these everchanging bacteria. VANGUARD crLyme vaccine contains antigenic material from seven different types of proteins, which create antibodies capable of killing Lyme bacteria inside ticks and within your dog. At ZimmVet, we recommend dogs receive a booster vaccination in 3-4 weeks after the initial vaccination, followed by annual booster.

Read more about Lyme Vaccination at: <https://www.zoetis.com/products/dogs/vanguard-crlyme/>

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