

# Shomaisou Shiba Inu – Vaccination Protocol

■■ Important: Failure to follow this protocol voids our Health Guarantee.

## Core Vaccination Schedule (MLV – Modified Live Virus)

Age (Weeks)	Vaccine	Notes
10 weeks	Distemper + Parvovirus (MLV)	First core dose
15 weeks	Distemper + Parvovirus (MLV)	Booster
18 weeks	Parvovirus (MLV)	Final parvo shot
20 weeks	Intranasal Bordetella	
30 weeks / 6 months	Rabies (Killed)	As required by law; do not give with another vaccine

Do NOT use combination (7-way, 10-way) vaccines. Give each vaccine separately, with at least 2 weeks between doses. Many veterinarians do not have the 2-way (parvo-distemper), so you may need to use a 5-way vaccine.

## Booster & Adult Protocol

- 1 Year Old: Distemper + Parvovirus (MLV) booster
- Rabies: Give 3–4 weeks later (Killed, 3-year if permitted by law)
- Titers: In some states, Rabies titers may be accepted. Check local law.

## Optional / Situational Vaccines

Only if your veterinarian determines local risk warrants them. If used, administer alone and at least 2 weeks apart from core vaccines.

- Influenza (killed)
- Leptospirosis (killed)
- Lyme (killed)

## Heartworm Prevention

- Monthly preventatives (e.g., Interceptor, Heartgard), or
- ProHeart 6 (covers 6 months; for dogs <1 year), or
- ProHeart 12 (annual injection)

## Over-Vaccination Warning

Early Rabies or giving Rabies with another vaccine has been linked to severe reactions (e.g., champing fits). Over-vaccination voids the Shomaisou Health Guarantee.

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## References & Resources

- Health Guarantee (Attachment B): [https://shibas.dog/PDF/Health\\_Guarantee\\_-\\_Attachment\\_B.pdf](https://shibas.dog/PDF/Health_Guarantee_-_Attachment_B.pdf)
- Dr. Jean Dodds' Vaccination Protocol: <https://shibas.org/newstand/vaccinations.html>
- AKC Rabies & State Law Info: <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/rabies-laws/>

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## Appendix: Dr. Jean Dodds' 2024 Canine Vaccination Protocol

Source: Hemopet (April 2024)

## Puppy Vaccination Schedule

Age (Weeks)	Vaccine	Notes
9–10 weeks	Distemper + Parvovirus (MLV)	First dose
14–15 weeks	Distemper + Parvovirus (MLV)	Booster
18 weeks	Parvovirus only (MLV)	Final parvo
20+ weeks	Rabies (Killed)	Give 3–4 weeks after other vaccines

## Adult / Booster Protocol

- 1 Year Old: Distemper + Parvovirus booster (optional)
- Rabies: 3–4 weeks later, per law
- Titers: Run every 3 years for Distemper + Parvovirus; revaccinate only if needed

## Optional Vaccines (Risk-Based)

- Bordetella, Lyme, Leptospirosis, Canine Influenza
- Give only if risk warrants, and never with core vaccines

## Key Takeaways

- Primitive breeds (like Shibas) are prone to vaccine reactions—avoid unnecessary shots.
- Separate vaccines by at least 3–4 weeks.
- Use antibody titers instead of routine boosters.

Full reference: Dr. Jean Dodds' Canine Vaccination Protocol – Hemopet (2024)