All dogs should have the following **core** vaccines:
- Distemper
- Adenovirus
- Parvovirus
- +/- Parainfluenza (often included in combination vaccines)
- Rabies

Other vaccines are **just as essential** to an individual dog’s health, depending on the dog’s lifestyle and risk factors. These include:
- Leptospira (should be considered for **most dogs** based on increased prevalence)
- Lyme disease
- Bordetella
- Canine influenza
- Rattlesnake toxoid

Vaccination plans start with the required vaccines for all dogs, but you determine what additional vaccines are necessary for each of your patients.

The **2022 AAHA Canine Vaccination Guidelines** empower you to make the best possible personalized vaccine recommendations for your patients based on their lifestyle and exposure risks.

**Actions**

For every dog, ask: **What’s “core” for this patient?**

Remember, **core vaccines are required for all dogs**, but other vaccines should also be considered “required” for certain dogs. Vaccine plans **should be personalized and based on risk levels and good clinical judgement**.

Train your team to talk to clients about vaccines and why they are a vital part of their dog’s health plan.

**Thing to Never Forget**

When vaccines are overdue or unknown, consider that the benefits of vaccinating outweigh the risks in most cases. A good rule of thumb is: **When in doubt, vaccinate.**