

# Puppies & Vaccines

## CRASH COURSE



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### THE QUESTION

**"But why can't my foster puppy go outside?"**

This is a very common question, and the answer is pretty simple!

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### THE ANSWER

**"They can once they have 2 DHPP vaccines *and* are over 2 months old!"**

This may seem random or arbitrary, but there is a lot of science behind it! It's very similar to the way human bodies work!

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### THE SCIENCE

**To help you think about it, picture a shield!**

When puppies are born, their mom passes a natural "shield" along to them through antibodies. At some point, though, that shield starts to fade, and the puppies have to build their own shield!

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### THE PROBLEM

**We don't know exactly when that natural shield disappears.**

What we do know, though, is that it is sometime between 6 and 20 weeks old. What that means is that during that time, puppies are at their most vulnerable!

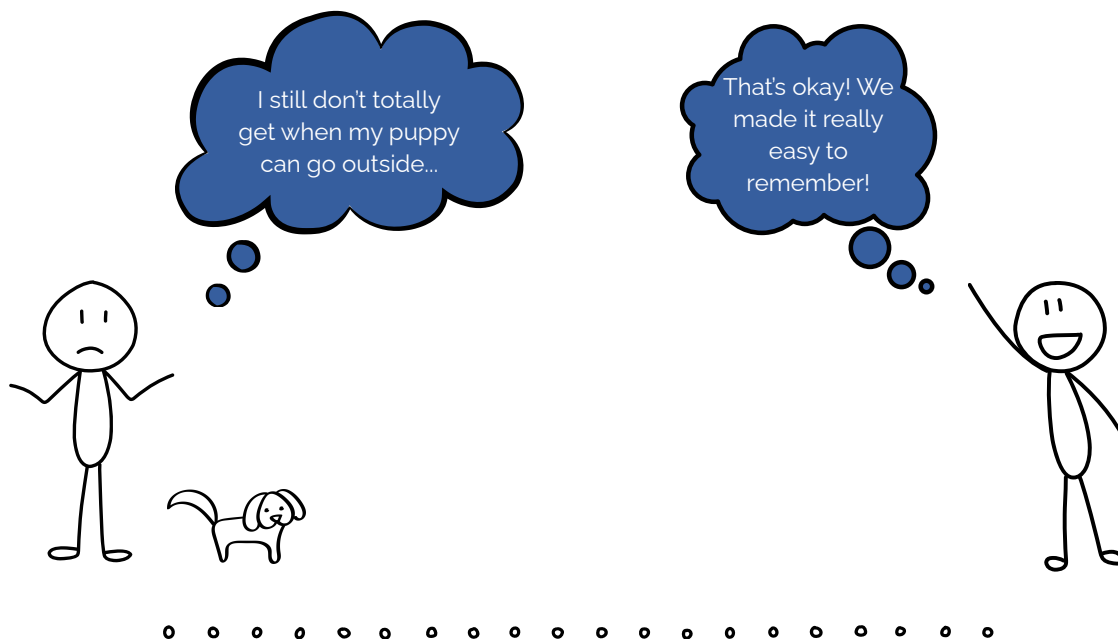
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### THE SOLUTION

**We provide a series of vaccines to help them build their own shield!**

Puppies in our care receive these shots every few weeks until they pass that 2 month mark. By following this protocol, we have found that we can keep more puppies healthy at that vulnerable stage!

➔ **Flip to the other side to see this broken down into an even more straightforward answer!\*** ➔



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| 8 Weeks & Younger          | Must stay indoors at all times                                                                                                             |
| Between 8 Weeks & 6 Months | Can go in foster's backyard only; must be carried or in a secure carrier outside of the home environment (including appts. at the shelter) |
| Older Than 6 Months        | Can go outside on leash walks; should continue to avoid public spaces such as dog parks                                                    |

When in doubt, reach out to the foster coordinator or the medical line!