



## Important Info You Should Know About Your **New Kitten!**

Congratulations on your new kitten! We are here to help you care for your new family member, so please feel free to email or call with any questions!

## Routine Vaccinations

Given every three weeks until your kitten is 16-20 weeks of age.

### Rabies

Rabies is required by law and is a disease spread by bites of infected animals. This is given once between 16-20 weeks, then **once a year** thereafter. ***Rabies is a FATAL zoonotic disease and can be transmitted from animals to humans!***

### Feline Leukemia (FeLV)

FeLV can cause serious health problems for your cat — everything from cancerous conditions such as leukemia to a wide range of secondary infections due to immune system damage. After initial exposure to the virus, a cat may show no symptoms for months, if not years. Testing for the virus is recommended prior to vaccinating.

This vaccine series is started at 13-15 weeks, followed by a vaccine 3 weeks later, and then annually depending on the pet's lifestyle.

### FVRCP

#### The vaccine contains

- **Rhinotracheitis:** also known as Herpes virus, is a major cause of upper respiratory disease in cats. Symptoms include fever, frequent sneezing, inflamed eyes (conjunctivitis), inflammation of the lining of the nose (rhinitis) and often salivation. This can be given as early as 8 weeks.
- **Calicivirus:** is another major cause of upper respiratory diseases. Widespread and highly contagious, its symptoms of fever, ulcers and blisters on the tongue and pneumonia can range from mild to severe.
- **Panleukopenia:** also known as feline distemper, this extremely resistant virus can survive up to one year outside a cat's body. Symptoms can include listlessness, diarrhea, vomiting, severe dehydration, fever, and death.

# Parasite Prevention

We recommend all cats be on parasite prevention to prevent and treat heartworms, intestinal parasites, as well as other parasites. This should be given every month, year-round. Heartworm disease is spread by mosquitoes and is fatal in cats. All cats, indoor and outdoor, are at risk.

Cats that go outside or those that are around other pets having access to the outdoors, should also be on a flea and tick preventative.

## Spay or Neuter

Most neuters and spays are recommended at 4-6 months of age. Bloodwork is done prior to your kitten's surgical procedure. Your pet will need to be dropped off the morning of the scheduled surgery date. Routinely, your pet will then go home the afternoon after surgery. We always recommend 2 weeks of restricted activity after surgery.

## Microchipping

Millions of pets go missing every year. Microchipped cats are 20 times more likely to return home than non-microchipped cats. Microchipping is a permanent identification for your pet that can be placed any time. We typically implant at time of spay or neuter.



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