



KITTEN Vaccines



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Panleukopenia virus is also known as feline distemper and is usually fatal if contracted by your kitten. Infection causes gastrointestinal signs such as vomiting, diarrhea and anorexia. The individual's white blood cells are affected, meaning they are unable to form a counter-attack against the virus which leads to death.

Feline rhinotracheitis, feline calicivirus and chlamydiosis (pneumonitis) are the underlying cause in 90% of upper respiratory infections. While they are rarely fatal, both are extremely prevalent in the feline population. Infected cats usually have chronic and intermittent sneezing, nasal discharge and conjunctivitis. These four series together are part of a combination vaccine that is given to all new kitten patients.



RECOMMENDED VACCINES THAT MAY DEPEND ON YOUR PET'S LIFESTYLE:

1. **Feline Leukemia virus (FeLV)** – FeLV is the 2nd leading cause of death in cats in the USA. The biggest risk for your cat to contract this disease is as an indoor-outdoor or outdoor only cat. It is transmitted between cats via grooming (saliva), feces, urine, blood and breeding. As well as causing cancers and low levels of red blood cells, it can also predispose your cat to a greater risk of contracting other infectious diseases. In some instances, cats that are exposed are able to mount an immune response and either resist infection or eliminate the virus all together. **Your kitten will require an FeLV/FIV blood test prior to vaccination.**

All new kittens being brought into a household with existing cats should be isolated until they can be tested for FeLV/FIV virus.

OUR VACCINE PROTOCOL:



Your first kitten visit will be around 6-8 weeks of age and this may have been taken care of by the breeder or rescue group. If your kitten received medical treatment prior to adoption or purchase, paperwork should be given to you detailing these treatments and/or vaccinations. At this visit, your kitten will be dewormed and given its first feline combination vaccine. It is also time for your kitten to be tested for FeLV/FIV as testing positive for either disease will change the type of lifestyle that is suitable for your kitten.



Once 12 weeks of age, it's time for your kitten's next feline combination booster vaccine. Additionally, if they were tested for FeLV/FIV at the previous visit, they are now eligible for their 1st FeLV vaccine. They are now old enough to receive their Rabies vaccine, which is required by law in the state of New York due to the risk of this disease to humans and pets. A repeat deworming will also be performed. Flea and tick prevention will be discussed.



At 16 weeks your kitten will return for its last kitten combination vaccine along with their 2nd FeLV if given previously. Deworming may also be repeated if needed. Bringing in a fecal sample at this visit will help us to decide this.

Your kitten is now fully vaccinated for 1 year.

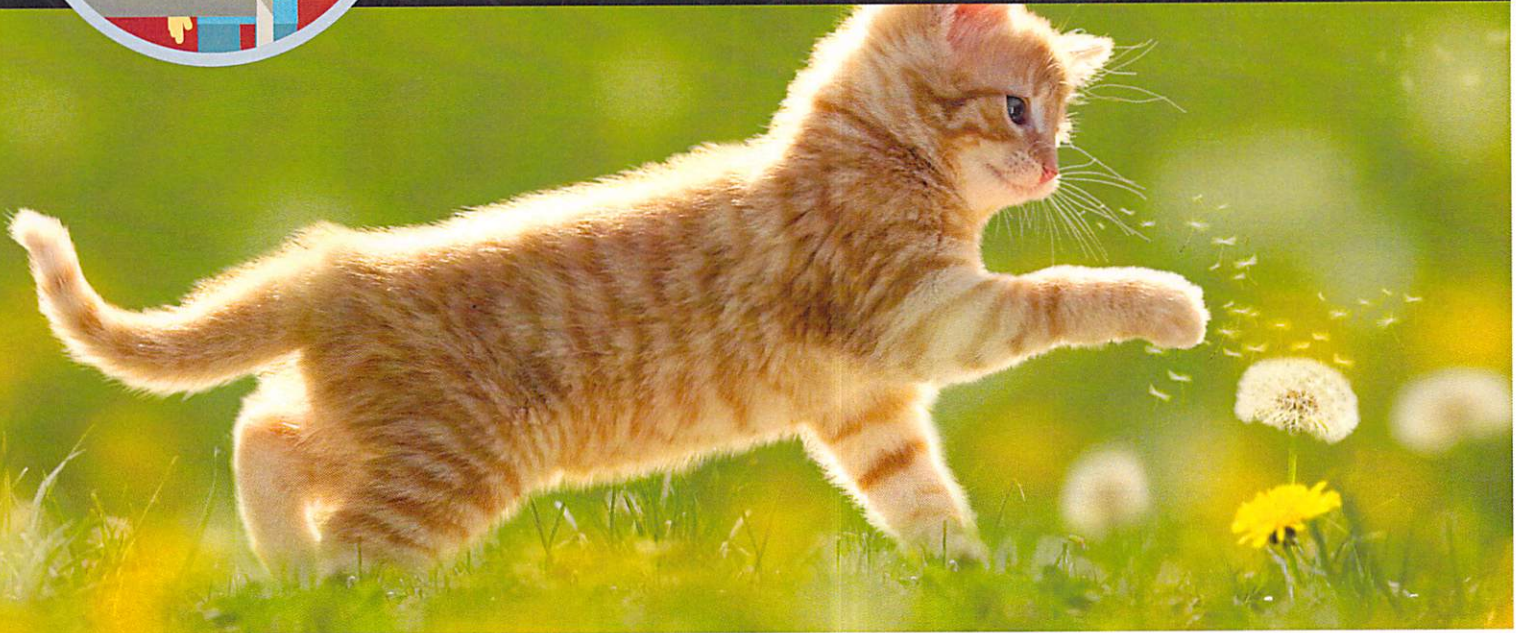


At 6 months of age your pet should return to be spayed (female) or neutered (male). This will prevent unwanted pregnancies and other health problems while minimizing their risk of developing cancer associated with the reproductive tissues (mammary tissues, uterus, ovaries, testicles and prostate).

Please ask your veterinarian if you have any questions regarding vaccines so we can ensure your pet remains healthy. Why risk losing your kitten to an entirely preventable disease. Vaccinate today for longer lives and happier pets.



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WHY VACCINATE YOUR KITTEN?

Initially your kitten is given a transfer of particles called antibodies from mom which allow your kitten to fight infection. These antibodies are given to the kitten from their mother while in the womb and through the milk while nursing. But by 6-8 weeks the kitten's level of these helpful antibodies are decreasing, meaning they are now becoming weaker in their ability to fight various infections, so they need some help. Help comes in the form of vaccines which stimulate the immune system to produce more antibodies. Most vaccines require multiple administrations to reach full immunity, this is demonstrated in our vaccine protocol. After the kitten vaccine series is complete, your kitten will need to return once a year, that is as long as you keep them current on their vaccinations to ensure their immune system remains in optimal condition to fight disease as efficiently as possible. You will receive helpful yearly reminders in the mail to help you stay on track.

WHICH VACCINES ARE RECOMMENDED?

CORE VACCINES ARE:

1. **Rabies** – this vaccine is required by NYS law due to its ability to cause fatal disease in both humans and animals. The vaccine is first give at 12-16 weeks of age, then one year later, then once every three years thereafter. Your pet is at risk from contracting rabies with any exposure to infected wildlife.
2. **FVRCP** - this vaccine provides protection from the following diseases: feline panleukopenia virus, calicivirus, feline rhinotracheitis and chlamydiosis. The vaccine is first administered at 6-8 weeks of age, then given at 3-4 week intervals until each kitten has received a total of 3 doses. After this, annual or tri-annual vaccination will be required depending on initial vaccine used.

For Longer Lives & Happier Pets!