

# KITTEN VACCINE RECOMMENDATIONS



## Ideally begin at 6-8 weeks old (*adjustable*):

- ☐ FVRCP #1/3
- ☐ Intestinal parasite screening (fecal sample)
- ☐ FeLV/FIV blood test
- ☐ Deworming #1/2
- ☐ Begin monthly flea and tick prevention

## At 10-12 weeks old:

- ☐ FVRCP #2/3
- ☐ Rabies vaccine (*must be at least 12 weeks*)
- ☐ Intestinal parasite screening
- ☐ Deworming #2/2
- ☐ FeLV vaccine #1/2 (if indicated)
- ☐ Continue monthly preventatives

## At 14-16 weeks old:

- ☐ FVRCP #3/3 (valid for 1 year)
- ☐ FeLV vaccine #2/2
- ☐ Continue monthly preventatives

## At 18-20 weeks old:

- ☐ Preanesthetic bloodwork (for spay/neuter)
- ☐ Discuss any congenital problems
- ☐ Continue monthly preventatives

## At 6 months old

- ☐ Spay/neuter and microchip
- ☐ Retest for FeLV/FIV/FeBart (if indicated)
- ☐ Correction of congenital issues *if applicable*
- ☐ Continue monthly preventatives

## At 12-15 months old:

- ☐ FVRCP booster
- ☐ Rabies vaccine booster (valid for 1-3 years\*\*)
- ☐ FeLV booster (valid for 1 year)
- ☐ Intestinal parasite screening
- ☐ Continue monthly preventatives

### Core (annual) vaccines

- **Rabies:** A viral infection spread by bats or other wild animals. There is no treatment for this disease which has the potential to infect humans. Infection results in death, as such, this vaccine is required by law.

- FVRCP stands for "**feline viral rhinotracheitis (herpes virus), calicivirus, and panleukopenia**," also commonly known as the "feline distemper vaccine." This combination vaccine prevents common upper respiratory viruses and feline parvo virus. This vaccine is recommended for all kittens and adult cats.

### Optional vaccine

FeLV stands for "**feline leukemia virus**". This vaccine is generally recommended for cats that are outside and come in contact with other cats with an unknown medical history. This incurable virus can be tested with a simple blood test that also tests for FIV, "**feline immunodeficiency virus**". FIV is another incurable virus that can be contracted from other cats. There is not a reliable vaccine at this time. An annual blood test for these viruses is recommended for cats that spend time outdoors.

### Flea, tick, and heartworm preventatives

Monthly flea and tick prevention is important for your kitten and for your home. Products like **Revolution Plus** and **Bravecto** prevent fleas and ticks very well. Revolution also prevents some more common intestinal parasites. Even if your cat is indoors, other vectors can track fleas, tick and parasites into your home and transfer them to you cat and you.

Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal threat to cats, dogs, and other animals. Heartworms are transmitted by infected mosquitos and can be difficult to diagnose in cats.

**Centragard** is a monthly heartworm disease preventative that also prevents some common intestinal parasites.

These easy to apply, topical preventatives can make sure your home and pets stay flea, tick, and parasite free.

*Ask your veterinarian which products may be appropriate for your cat.*

\*\*Our hospital uses the safest vaccines currently available - these vaccines provide protection without the need for adjuvants. Adjuvants are vaccine additives that may present potential risks to feline patients, such as injection site reaction and chronic inflammation.