

Feline Vaccinations

Rabies Vaccine

Rabies is a deadly virus that results in a fatal and untreatable disease. It is transmitted by infected saliva entering the bloodstream, most commonly via a bite wound inflicted by an infected animal. Given the human health risk this disease poses, the rabies vaccine is required by law for all dogs and cats.

Kittens: Give first vaccine between 12 weeks and 6 months of age. In 1 year, repeat as a 3 year vaccine, ongoing.

Adult Cats: The first vaccine lasts for 1 year, then is repeated annually.

Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus and Panleukopenia (Commonly referred to as "Feline Distemper" - FVRCP)

Protects against a complex of very transmissible viruses, some of which are deadly. One of these viruses, when shed, can survive in the environment for a long time, and can be carried inside a home by humans or dogs to infect an indoor cat. Another one of these viruses is air-borne and can be transmitted via open windows. This vaccine is considered a core vaccine and is highly recommended for all cats, regardless of lifestyle. Outdoor cats are at an increased risk.

Kittens: Start at 8 weeks of age and repeat every 3-4 weeks until 16 weeks of age or older. In 1 year, vaccinate as a 3 year vaccine, ongoing.

Adult Cats: 2 vaccines 3-4 weeks apart. In 1 year, vaccinate as a 3 year vaccine, ongoing.

Feline Leukemia

Protects against a virus that is most commonly shed by saliva, transmitted most commonly through a bite wound. Can also be transmitted from the mother during gestation or during nursing. Less commonly, it can be transmitted via chronic exposure, like sharing water sources and grooming. This disease heavily suppresses the immune system and almost always leads to cancer within a few years of infection, resulting in a very shortened life span. This vaccine is highly recommended for all outdoor cats. All kittens and newly adopted cats are recommended to be tested for feline leukemia at least once in their lifetime, with repeat testing upon exposure (for example: bite wound in an unvaccinated cat)

Start as early as 8 weeks, repeat in 3-4 weeks, then annually.