

Feline Vaccines

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Regular vaccination helps keep your cat healthy and free of disease.

What are Vaccines?



Vaccines are injections or 'shots' given to your cat to increase their immunity against many common viruses.

They contain dead or weakened versions of viruses to allow the immune system to build up its defenses to fight off the real viruses in the future.

Benefits of Vaccination



Prevention of highly contagious diseases that can cause serious illness for cats.

Instead of waiting to treat your cat after they get sick, vaccines help to prevent illness before it occurs.

Vaccines are **safe and effective**.

Diseases Prevented with Vaccination



Rabies



- Causes neurological illness
- Fatal disease that can infect humans too
- Core vaccine

Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV)

- Causes tumors or immune system damage
- Core vaccine for cats <1 year old

FVRCP Combo Vaccine

- Feline viral rhinotracheitis - upper respiratory infection
- Calicivirus - upper respiratory infection
- Panleukopenia - stomach and intestinal illness
- Core vaccine



Vaccination Schedule



It is important to keep up with **regular vaccinations** to maintain your cat's immunity against disease.



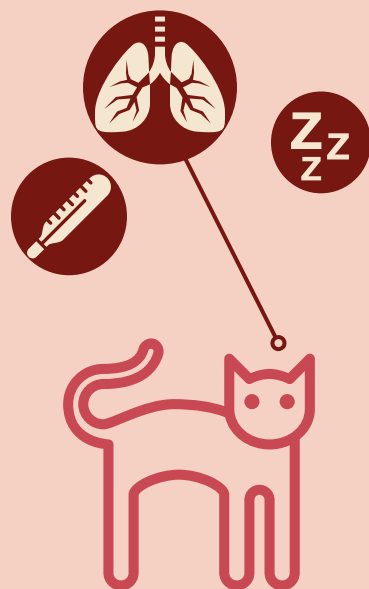
Kitten Series

- **6 to 8 weeks:** FVRCP
- **10 to 12 weeks:** FVRCP booster + FeLV + Rabies
- **14 to 16 weeks:** FVRCP booster + FeLV
- **6 months old:** FVRCP booster

Adults

- Rabies: initial booster **1 year** after first dose, then **every 3 years** for life
- FVCRP: **every 3 years** for life
- FeLV: may be given **every 1-2 years** depending on your cat's risk

Vaccine Reactions



Serious reactions to vaccines are **rare**, but you should be aware of the signs to look out for if your cat does have an allergic reaction.

Normal side effects:

- Fatigue
- Decreased Appetite
- Mild Fever
- Lump at injection site
- Most often occur within first 24-48 hours

Signs of a severe reaction:

- Open-mouthed breathing
- Swelling of the face
- Severe itching of face and neck
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- Most often occur within 30 minutes to 2 hours

See or call your veterinarian immediately if your cat displays any signs of a severe reaction following vaccination or if the normal vaccine side effects last for more than 48 hours.

Vaccination Helps Prevent Disease!

Keep your cat healthy with regular vaccination.