

The Cat Doctors  
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## Your Kitten's Ideal Annual Health Care Plan

### **Part 1 (6-8 weeks old):**

**Comprehensive Exam**  
**FVRCP Vaccine**  
**Fecal Exam**

*3 weeks later...*

### **Part 2 (9-11 weeks old):**

**Comprehensive Exam**  
**FVRCP Vaccine**  
**FeLV and FIV Tests\***  
**Feline Leukemia Vaccine**  
**Fecal Exam**

*3 weeks later...*

### **Part 3 (12-14 weeks old)**

**Comprehensive Exam**  
**FVRCP Vaccine**  
**Feline Leukemia Vaccine**  
**Fecal Exam**

*3 weeks later...*

### **Part 4 (15 -17 weeks old)**

**Comprehensive Exam**  
**FVRCP**  
**Rabies**

During this visit we will discuss; spaying, neutering, or breeding with you.

Based on Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Florida Department of Health recommendations, we **strongly advise routine deworming for intestinal parasites** that can infect people (Roundworms and Hookworms) during each of the kitten visits.

## **Warranty**

We proudly stand behind our vaccination programs because we use the finest vaccines available and administer them properly. If your pet contracts a disease, which it was vaccinated against in our hospital, we will treat your pet in our hospital (up to \$1,000 at our expense) at no cost to you. The warranty is automatic, provided you follow our vaccination protocol and your pet has a normal physical examination at the time of vaccination. Puppies, kittens and others previously unvaccinated or improperly vaccinated pets are covered 3 weeks after we administer the final vaccinations in the series. The medical record will be the detriment of a proper vaccination schedule.

## **COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What is the FVRCP Vaccine?**

The FVRCP Vaccine protects your pet from Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, and Panleukopenia. These viruses are commonly known as feline distemper and the three major upper respiratory viruses affecting cats.

### **What is a Fecal Exam?**

A sample of your cat's stool is examined microscopically for parasites (worms). Only two types of parasites (roundworms and tapeworms) can be seen in the stool with the naked eye. Others, particularly hookworms, can attach themselves to the walls of your cat's intestines and literally suck their life's blood away. These quick, silent killers can be eliminated easily if detected by a fecal exam.

### **Why are some vaccinations given to my kitten several times?**

Your kitten acquired some immunity from its mother (maternal immunity) at birth. This immunity is important because it protects your kitty until we have an opportunity to vaccinate him or her. The only drawback with this immunity is that it blocks the effect of our vaccinations as long as it is present in the kitten's system. It doesn't hurt to give the vaccinations when the maternal immunity is still in the kitten's body but the vaccines are not fully effective. Depending on how much immunity the mother had available for transfer to her kittens and the amount nursed during the first few days of life, the maternal immunity will drop off when the kitten is somewhere between six and fourteen weeks old. Since it would be difficult and expensive to measure your kitten's level of immunity for each of the five (5) diseases we routinely vaccinate for, we have designed a series of vaccinations, which should provide excellent long-term protection for each of these diseases at a reasonable cost.

### **What if I just bought a 3-month old kitten with no vaccinations?**

We need to get started immediately. We can't do anything about the past, but we need to examine the kitty to assure that it hasn't already been infected, then vaccinate to provide protection for the future. This kitten, because of its age, would start out with Part 2 of our vaccination series even though it is the kitten's first vaccinations. We would then finish the series as scheduled.

**Thank you for helping us to keep your kitten happy and healthy.**

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