



Congratulations on your new kitten!

Vaccinations

- **FVRCP Vaccinations** start at 8 weeks of age with a booster given every 3-4 weeks until 16 weeks of age. This vaccine is then administered yearly.
- **The Feline Leukemia Vaccination** is given twice 3-4 weeks apart, and is then administered yearly. Only cats that go outdoors will need this vaccination to prevent Feline Leukemia.
- The **Rabies Vaccine** is administered between 12-16 weeks of age. This vaccine is boosted one year later, then every three years as required by Virginia law.

Feline Infectious Disease

- Every new kitten will be tested for Feline Leukemia Virus and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus at the first visit.
- The Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) causes immunosuppression and secondary infections.
- The Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) can cause lymphoma.
- These viruses are easily transmitted to existing cats in a household, so every new kitten must test negative before introduction to other cats.

Heartworm Disease

- Cats can become infected with heartworm from mosquito bites. Due to the smaller size of cats, one heartworm can lead to severe disease and death.
- We recommend using Revolution® monthly – this is a combination product that protects against flea, tick, and heartworm infections.

Intestinal Parasites

- All kittens will receive at least one dose of dewormer at their first visit.
- We will also check a fecal at the first visit to identify intestinal parasites. Some parasites, such as Giardia or coccidia, require additional dewormings.

Nutrition

- All kittens should be fed a high quality kitten food until 9-12 months of age.
- Do not supplement with vitamins as a quality cat food will have every nutrient your growing kitten needs.

Spaying/Neutering

- Unless breeding or showing, all cats should be spayed or neutered to prevent unwanted pregnancies, infections, and reproductive cancers.
- This surgery is done at 4-6 months of age.

Declawing

- Ask us about the pros and cons of declawing!
- If chosen, it is best for a declawing surgery to be done at the time of the spay or neuter.