



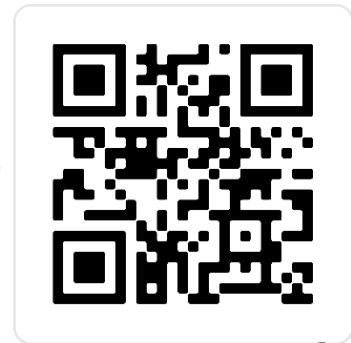
## Feline Vaccines – What you need to know

Vaccination is a safe, effective and necessary part of your cat’s healthcare. It acts as a barrier to protect your pet, and the people in your household.

### What vaccinations does my kitten need and when?

Use this table and speak with your veterinary team to establish the timeline that makes sense for vaccinating your new kitten. You can also scan this code and answer some questions about your kitten to see which vaccinations are recommended for him/her specifically:

Core Vaccinations are recommended for every cat, no matter their lifestyle. **These are life-threatening diseases that can be picked up in a normal cat’s routine, or even brought home on an owner’s shoes in some cases.**



Antigen	Initial Vaccination		Revaccination
	Cats under 16 weeks of age	Cats over 16 weeks of age	
Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis Calicivirus Panleukopenia	3 doses 2-4 weeks apart (usually 8, 12 and 16 weeks of age)	2 doses 2-4 weeks apart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single dose of a combination vaccine within 1 year of the last in the kitten series</li> <li>• Subsequent boosters every 1-3 years</li> </ul>
Rabies		1 dose at 14-16 weeks of age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single dose within 1 year of the last in the kitten series</li> <li>• Subsequent boosters every 1-3 years</li> </ul>
Feline Leukemia *	2 doses, 2-4 weeks apart starting at 12 weeks of age		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single dose within 1 year of last dose of initial series</li> <li>• Annual boosters</li> </ul>

\*Feline Leukemia virus vaccination is now recommended to start as a kitten regardless of plans for being indoor or outdoor, then to re-assess their lifestyle after 1 year of age to see if they are



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still at risk. Talk to your veterinarian about this vaccination, and also the test for Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus to see if this should be performed on your kitten.

### **Are vaccinations safe?**

For most pets, vaccination risks are far lower than those posed by the life-threatening diseases vaccinations prevent. However, reactions do occur occasionally. Most reactions are mild, causing facial swelling, hives, or GI issues, which is why you should watch your pet closely after they are vaccinated. Fortunately, serious allergic reactions are rare.

### **How much do vaccinations cost?**

At our veterinary clinic, we tailor the vaccination protocol to your pet's individual needs, therefore the cost can vary depending on what we need to give, and how many sets of vaccinations are required. Please contact us directly for an accurate quotation of the services and vaccinations your pet needs.

### **I still have questions...**

We're sure you do, and that's why we're here to support you! During your consultation with the veterinarian, your pet will receive a full physical examination, and they will discuss with you their recommendations, what to expect after a vaccine, and when you need to bring them back to see us again. We will also go over cost of what to expect for the upcoming appointments, and anything you might need to bring with you to be fully prepared.



We use the AAHA guidelines to form our protocols. Scan this QR code to read **What Should I Know About My Cat's Vaccinations?**