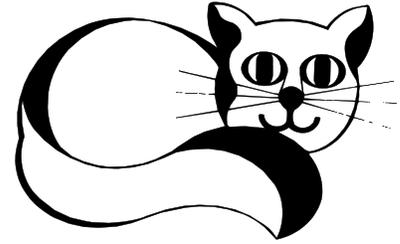


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## Feline Health Maintenance

### Kittens

5-8 weeks old

FVRCP #1 Vaccine (Feline distemper combination vaccine)

Feline Leukemia testing

Stool check for parasites

Routine roundworm de-worming

Check for earmites, ringworm

Discuss merits of indoor vs. outdoor, litter box training and type of litter, kitten activity (nocturnal).

Clients opportunity to ask questions about owning a cat.

9-12 weeks old

FVRCP #2 Vaccine

Feline Leukemia Vaccine #1 (outdoor cats)

Routine roundworm de-worming

Discuss declawing, spaying and neutering.

Client questions.

14-18 weeks old

FVRCP #3 Vaccine

Feline Leukemia #2

Rabies Vaccine

Stool check for parasites

Discuss the use of heartworm prevention in cats are exposed to mosquitoes.

3-6 months old

Declawing and neutering

Spaying (5-6 months)

### Adult cat

1-9 years old

Yearly vaccines (FVRCP and Rabies can be done every three years when cat over 1 year, depending on vaccination history).

Vaccines titers instead of vaccines.

Yearly physical exams to discuss weight maintenance, dental health, and other issues that may effect the health of the adult cat.

Consider routine blood work to establish a health baseline.

### Older cat

8-12 years old

Vaccines modified to fit needs of individual pet.

Yearly or twice yearly complete physical exams.

This is when many of the common aging problems (kidney problems, thyroid problems, heart problems, and diabetes) first show up in cats. Blood tests and X- Rays are highly recommended during this time.

### Geriatric cat

12-20 years old

Yearly vaccines (modified to the older cat) or vaccine titers.

Yearly to thrice yearly complete physical exams.

During this age watching for common aging problems (mentioned above) as well as other aging diseases such as cancer, dental problems, weight loss, senility, and others.

Blood tests remain the best way to monitor an aging cats organ function, however checking your pets weight 3-4 times during the year can be a very sensitive indicator of internal problems and coming in for a weight check costs nothing.

Please remember that an older cat needs as much attention as a kitten. Monitoring blood work to check organ function, eye exams to check for glaucoma, heart and blood pressure checks etc. are all important in preventing little problems from becoming life threatening. As cats grow older they need to be encouraged to get regular activity and the need to avoid excess weight gain (just as we do). Our pets are living much longer than ever; we want these older years to be healthy and happy ones.

Please ask about our COMPREHENSIVE OLDER PET PROGRAM.

