

## FIP Vaccine

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Recently, a vaccine has been developed for a disease in cats called Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP). The incidence of FIP in the general cat population is very low. It has been estimated that less than 1% of household cats will ever get the disease. Once developed, however, FIP is always fatal.

Cats in catteries and in multi-cat households which had the disease previously are at higher risk than the average household pet population. We recommend the vaccine for cats in those situations and especially for cats that will be going into those situations. Although this vaccine is not a guarantee against your cat getting FIP, it appears to offer 85% protection to those cats which have

previously never been exposed to the virus. Since the relative risk of the average household cat is very low, we want to advise owners of the availability of the vaccination and let owners decide on their own course of action. We will pursue vaccination at the request of the owner. Initially, a series of 2 vaccinations are given 2-3 weeks apart. Thereafter, an annual booster is necessary. The present cost of the vaccination is \$20.

Please call our office if you would like to begin FIP vaccinations on your cat, or if you have any questions concerning it.

## SYMPTOMS OF A SICK CAT

If your cat shows any of the following symptoms do not hesitate to call us.

- Weight loss
- Diarrhea and/or vomiting
- Decrease in appetite
- Red, watery eyes, sneezing, nasal discharge
- Listlessness
- Straining with urination or bowel movements; frequent attempts to urinate, bloody urine or changes in litter box habits
- Dull hair coat

## CAT PROOFING YOUR HOUSE

The following items are potentially fatal to your cat:

- Anti-freeze
- Cleaning Supplies
- Rat killer/bait and other poisons
- Poisonous plants - All Lilies, Dieffenbachia (Dumb Cane), Poinsettia, Amaryllis, English Ivy, Philodendron
- Aspirin - unless under the direct supervision of your veterinarian
- Tylenol
- Strings, yarn, coins, rubber bands, balloons
- Electrical cords

## CLINIC HOURS

Monday-Tuesday 8:00 AM - 7:00PM  
Wednesday-Friday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00PM

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Diplomate ABVP (Feline Practice)  
and associates**



If you need **EMERGENCY CARE** after hours, we recommend the Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center located at 11950 W. 110th Street, Suite B (110th & Quivira across the street from the MacDonald's) (913-649-6850), or Mission MedVet, 5914 Johnson Drive (at Johnson Drive and Woodson) (913-722-5566). Both have doctors and staff there to handle any emergencies while we are closed.

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