

## Recommended schedule for The Health Needs of Your Kitten

If your kitten is a healthy baby, the following protocol is recommended.

### FIRST VISIT

First distemper/upper respiratory vaccine (3 in 1)  
First de-worming  
Fecal exam  
Feline Leukemia Test

### THREE WEEKS LATER

Physical Exam  
Booster 3 in 1  
Second de-worming  
(First Leukemia Vaccine, if exposure warrants it. Booster vaccination needed 3-4 weeks later)

### AT 12+ WEEKS

Final 3 in 1 vaccine  
Rabies vaccination

### ANNUALLY THEREAFTER

Physical Exam  
Recommended vaccinations

## Your New Kitten's Health Needs

Congratulations on the acquisition of your new kitten! The following information will help you keep your kitten healthy.

A series of vaccinations is necessary for your kitten. Vaccinations for feline panleukopenia (feline distemper) and two of the most devastating upper respiratory viruses are combined in one shot and can be started as early as 6 weeks. Vaccinations for these diseases are repeated at 3-4 weeks intervals until your cat is about 14 weeks of age. A vaccination against rabies is given after your kitten is 12 weeks old.

We strongly recommend vaccinations against feline leukemia virus especially if it will be going outside or coming into contact with cats through screens, i.e. porches or windows. The leukemia virus vaccination can be given as early as 9 weeks and needs to be repeated 3-4 weeks later. All vaccinations listed above need to be given annually throughout your cat's life.

We also recommend having your kitten tested for feline leukemia virus. About 10% of the cat population tests positive for the virus. The virus causes a variety of diseases and can be fatal. Knowing your cat's leukemia status is important basic medical information. Your kitten will need to be retested for FeLV and for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus at 6 months.

Intestinal parasites are extremely common in kittens. We advise that fecal samples from your kitten be evaluated for these parasites. Intestinal parasites can cause your kitten to be ill; we therefore want to start treatment before any problems arise.

## 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  
Phone: (816) 361-4888

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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, 5941 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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