



VACCINATIONS FOR CATS

Vaccinations are the single most important step you can take to protect your cat or kitten against life-threatening diseases. A young kitten must receive a series of vaccinations in order to achieve protective immunity. This series is necessary due to the immaturity of their immune system. The boosters that come later in the series are very important because they stimulate long-lasting immunity. A single set of vaccinations does not offer long-term protection. Be sure your pet is current on all yearly boosters. The potential risk, suffering, and cost of not vaccinating, far outweighs the cost of routine vaccinations. The vaccination programs offered at Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital are based on your pet's age, health, potential exposure, and provide protection against the following serious feline diseases:

Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis - a highly contagious respiratory disease.

Calicivirus - a serious respiratory infection that can progress to pneumonia.

Panleukopenia (feline distemper) - extremely contagious disease; high death rate.

Chlamydia - a respiratory disease that can become complicated by bacterial infection, resulting in meningitis or pneumonia.

Rabies - transmittible to humans; attacks the brain and central nervous system; almost always fatal. First vaccination given is good for 1 year; following boosters are good for 3 years.

Feline Leukemia (FeLV) - viral disease; can lead to persistent infections, many of which can be fatal.

Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) - extremely deadly disease; causes fever, weight loss, and a painless enlargement of the abdomen as fluid accumulates.

Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital recommends that all vaccines except rabies be boosted yearly.

For your new kitten we suggest the following program:

6 – 8 weeks	FVRCPC, FeLV test
9 – 12 weeks	FVRCPC, FeLV
13-16 weeks	FVRCPC, FeLV, Rabies

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FVRCPC - feline viral rhinotracheitis, calicivirus, panleukopenia, chlamydia

FeLV - feline leukemia

Rabies