



Feline Vaccine and Screening Protocols

The following is a guideline on the recommended vaccine protocols and screenings from kitten-hood (pediatric) to senior adulthood (geriatric).

All kittens will be de-wormed, and if warranted will be tested for Leukemia or FIV. Topical flea and tick products can be applied at eight weeks or older. Cats that go outside should be tested every year for Leukemia and FIV. For the safety of the staff and other animals in the hospital, all animals must be current on their rabies vaccine prior to any surgery.

Core Vaccines

Optional Vaccines

8 Weeks	Feline Distemper #1 (Triple Vaccine – Herpes, Calici & Panleukopenia) Fecal Test	Bordetella bronchioseptica #1
12 weeks	Feline Distemper #2 (Triple Vaccine – Herpes, Calici & Panleukopenia)	Feline Leukemia #1 Bordetella bronchioseptica #2
16 weeks	Feline Distemper #3 (Triple Vaccine – Herpes, Calici & Panleukopenia) Rabies (1 Year Purevax)	Feline Leukemia #2
1-6 years Adults	Feline Distemper (3 Year) (Triple Vaccine – Herpes, Calici & Panleukopenia) Rabies (1 Year Purevax) Fecal Test	Feline Leukemia (1 Year) Bordetella bronchioseptica (1 year)

During at least one of the optional years that the cats do not receive vaccines, they should have a health screening. This consists of a blood test to check for liver and kidney functions. It will help pinpoint any diseases that may be developing, and act as a point of reference for the future as they age.

7-10 years Seniors	Feline Distemper (3 Year) Rabies (1 Year Purevax) Fecal Test	Feline Leukemia (1 Year) Bordetella bronchioseptica (1 year)
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Cats aged 7-10 years are now considered seniors, and should receive a more comprehensive screening at their annual exam. Their internal organs are aging and other disease syndromes become more prominent at this age (i.e. hyperthyroidism). The screening is a blood test that is more comprehensive than the previous screenings and involves a thyroid test, an EKG and if warranted an x-ray of the spine/chest.

11+ years Geriatric	Feline Distemper (3 Year) Rabies (1 Year Purevax) Fecal Test	Feline Leukemia (1 Year) Bordetella bronchioseptica (1 year)
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Cats aged 11+ years are now considered geriatric, and will need to be examined more regularly as they age through their “golden years”. The recommended vaccines and screenings are the same as for the senior cat, however, exams should be performed every **six** months. Most animals this age are on medications and require closer monitoring.