



Purple Lotus Cattery

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Feline Health

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At Purple Lotus Cattery we want to ensure that we raise and provide happy, healthy kittens. This means we try to follow the latest research, clinical studies, and recommendations in order to promote optimal health for your kitten. We encourage each new family to research feline vaccinations and health and discuss options with your vet. The information provided within this document are recommendations only and are not a replacement for appropriate veterinary care. Links will be provided below to help you with your search.

Feline Obesity

Feline obesity is the number one preventable disease in cats. It shortens your cat's life and can increase the risk of cancer, diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, osteoarthritis, urinary issues, liver disease, skin issues, and a lower immune system. To help your cat live a long happy life, it is important that you read our document on feline nutrition, follow the recommendations by your vet, and work to maintain an appropriate weight for your cat.

<https://vcahospitals.com/know-your-pet/obesity-in-cats#:~:text=%22Excess%20fat%20negatively%20impacts%20a,faster%20degeneration%20of%20affected%20joints>

Genetic Conditions

Each breed of cat can be predisposed to certain genetic conditions. Purple Lotus Cattery screens all of their queens and studs for major genetic conditions via Optimal Selection. Our contract includes a health guarantee as part of our service to our buyers and we provide an offer for one month of pet insurance via Trupanion. We also offer life-time breeder support so you can be assured that we are here to help you with any concerns!

Vaccinations

<https://catinfo.org/vaccines-for-cats-we-need-to-stop-overvaccinating/>

Age and Long-term Protective Immunity in Dogs and Cats

<https://www.aaha.org/aaha-guidelines/2020-aahaaafp-feline-vaccination-guidelines/feline-vaccination-home/>

<https://catvets.com/guidelines/practice-guidelines/aafp-aaha-feline-vaccination>

**A vaccination protocol is something that should be discussed with your vet and the links and summary of the documents above are for information only. You also must follow all local laws regarding vaccinations including rabies. There is no single protocol that will work for all cats. Work with your vet to complete a risk/benefit analysis regarding vaccination type, schedule, and immunity duration. **

Prior to leaving Purple Lotus Cattery all kittens are vaccinated by our vet using FVRCP. This vaccination immunizes against panleukopenia (feline distemper), viral rhinotracheitis, calicivirus and chlamydia. This vaccination occurs between 8 and 10 weeks of age. If your kitten goes home after 12 weeks your kitten will have their second vaccination of FVRCP prior to going to his/her new home. If your kitten goes home at 12 weeks your vet should provide your kitten with his/her second round of shots. Your kitten is NOT fully vaccinated unless they receive both rounds of vaccination.

Purple Lotus chooses to administer the first vaccination between 8 and 10 weeks and the second as close to 16 weeks as possible and about 4 weeks after the first dose. The second vaccination should be given after the mother's

antibodies are completely out of the kitten's system. We believe that this will potentially provide lifetime protection against panleukopenia. Due to the slight increased risk of injection site sarcoma and evidence of immunity duration Purple Lotus Cattery generally does not continue to vaccinate their cats yearly but chooses to do so every three years. The American Association of Feline Practitioners has a lifestyle-based calculator to help you research your cat's vaccination needs <https://www.aaha.org/aaha-guidelines/2020-aahaafp-feline-vaccination-guidelines/feline-vaccine-calculator/>

The recommendation for cats with no known risk factors is to vaccinate every 1 to 3 years.

Whatever decision you make concerning your vaccination options it is important to use killed, or modified live vaccinations on Bengals, Savannah, and Lykoi as they are at greater risk of becoming ill from live vaccines.

Rabies

Many states and counties in the United States require dogs and cats receive their rabies vaccination. This is often based on the prevalence of rabies in your area. Even if your cat lives indoor only, your cat should be vaccinated against rabies if you live in a high prevalence area. Bats are a primary carrier of rabies and can sneak into the smallest spaces within a person's home. Purple Lotus Cattery is located in an area that doesn't require a rabies vaccination and therefore we do not do rabies vaccination unless it is required for transport. If you are unsure of the prevalence in your area you should have your cat's vaccinated for rabies. If you are required or choose to vaccinate your cat against rabies, the three-year rabies vaccination that came out in 2016 may be the best option for you as it minimizes the number of injections thus lowering the risk of injection site sarcoma. You should discuss this with your vet.

Parasites and Bacterial Infections

Cats can be prone to several types of parasites and bacterial infections that will need to be treated by your vet. Worms, coccidia, giardia, tritrichomonas and campylobacter are common infections that can affect your kitten or cat. A common symptom of many of these conditions is diarrhea. If your cat has runny stool for more than a couple days, you should seek veterinary assistance. Purple Lotus Cattery preventatively treats all kittens prior to sending them to their new homes. They are wormed biweekly and preventatively treated for both coccidia and giardia.

Fleas and Ticks

Any cat or kitten exposed to the outside should be treated with flea medication. This includes cats that come in contact with animals who go outside, cats that spend time in an outdoor patio, or cats that go for walks on a leash or to the store. Purple Lotus Cattery uses Advantage for our adults and kittens. We treat all kittens at 8 weeks. Kittens that go home at 12 weeks will need another dose when they go to their new home. If your kitten stays at Purple Lotus Cattery longer than 12 weeks we will treat him/her every four weeks. Please discuss flea medication options with your vet.

Ketamine

Ketamine is one of the most commonly used drugs for cats when undergoing surgery. Bengals, Savannah, and Lykoi are more likely to suffer severe effects from ketamine. Although some cats can tolerate ketamine well, others can have mild to significant side effects that could include death. Isoflourine is a better sedative option for your Purple Lotus cat. You should discuss other sedation options with your vet.