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Kitten Vaccine Schedule

Most kittens receive their first round of vaccines when they are around 6 to 8 weeks old. Generally, booster vaccines are given every 3 to 4 weeks until kitten is 16 weeks of age to build up their developing immune system. Your veterinarian will discuss with you what vaccines your kitten needs. Some vaccine schedules will vary based on your kitten's age, weight, and lifestyle.

FVRCP (Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, and Panleukopenia) FVRCP

- FVRCP vaccine is often known as the feline distemper/respiratory vaccine. This vaccine is a core vaccine recommended for all cats. The vaccine provides protection against common strains of feline herpesvirus and calicivirus (common causes of "colds" and sometimes, serious respiratory disease) and panleukopenia virus ("distemper," a potentially fatal gastrointestinal disease).
- FVRCP is designed to minimize or prevent upper respiratory tract infections. This vaccine, like most vaccines, is not 100% protective against contraction of a virus, this vaccine provides protection against the more severe symptoms of infection, thus enabling vaccinated cats to recover much faster.

FELV (Feline Leukemia Virus)

- This vaccine protects against the feline leukemia virus and is included with FVRCP as a combination vaccine.

Rabies

- Rabies is a virus that can be transmitted to our pets and humans most commonly through bite wounds from an infected animal. This vaccine is recommended for all cats regardless if they are strictly indoor or spend most of their time outdoors.

