

## VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE FOR THESE FELINE DISEASES

Feline Panleukopenia (Distemper). The most wide-spread disease of cats; very contagious. Transmitted through blood, urine, feces, nasal secretions, & fleas. Symptoms include fever, loss of appetite, vomiting, & diarrhea. High death rate, especially among kittens.

Feline Rhinotracheitis (FVR). Attacks upper respiratory tract; very contagious. Symptoms include sneezing, loss of appetite, fever, & eye inflammation. All cats & kittens are at risk, but death rate is much higher for kittens.

Feline Calicivirus. Attacks lungs & lower respiratory tract. Causes 40% of all respiratory diseases in cats. Often complicated by other infections; ulcers may be seen on tongue & lips. Very contagious, transmitted through sneezing.

Feline Pneumonitis (Chlamydia). Bacterial respiratory infection caused by *Chlamydia Psittaci*. Produces conjunctivitis (eye infection). Very contagious & can be transmitted to humans & cattle. Symptoms include inflamed eyes, sneezing, tearing with salivation & coughing.

Feline Ringworm. Fungal infection that affects hair & skin layers. *Microsporium Canis* causes most infections in cats. Very contagious & can be passed to humans.

Feline Giardia. Waterborne protozoal parasite can be found in puddles, ponds, pools, & back yards. Transmitted by feces. Causes gastrointestinal problems. Symptoms include diarrhea, weight loss, abdominal pain, & vomiting.

Feline Bordetella Bronchiseptica. 85% of cats have been exposed. Symptoms include coughing, ocular discharge, fever, lack of appetite, listlessness, sneezing, nasal discharge, swollen lymph nodes, & increased lung sounds.

Rabies. The most feared disease, & almost always fatal. Attacks the brain & central nervous system. Transmitted to humans through a bite or scratch of an infected animal.

## PARASITE CONTROL

Like most animals, cats are plagued by a wide variety of internal & external parasites. Unfortunately, many of these parasites have complex life cycles that enable them to survive even in the best-kept households.

Your vet knows how to monitor & control feline parasites through regular examinations & proper treatment. Initial deworming may be necessary at 4-6 weeks of age, followed by several treatments during the first year of life. It is unwise to attempt to deworm a pet yourself. Under certain conditions, you could cause physical harm or even death to your pet.

## NUTRITION

Your cat has specific nutritional needs: protein for growth and tissue repair; carbohydrates for energy; vitamins & minerals for general health. Young kittens should be fed 3-4x daily. At 6 mos, this can be reduced to 2x a day, and mature cats need only be fed 1x a day. Allow 5-10 minutes to eat, then try removing food until next feeding time. Adult pets may need to have the amount of food adjusted to prevent excessive weight gain. Pregnant females should be fed 2x a day from the 4th week of pregnancy, & they will be more comfortable if fed smaller amounts 3-4x a day during the final week.

## TRAVEL TIPS

- Be certain your cat is in good health. Some states and all foreign countries require current rabies & health certificates. Arrange for a physical exam & necessary vaccinations and certificates.
- Starting a week or more before a car trip, take a few short rides with your cat.
- Plan to keep control of your cat at all times, using a leash if possible. (A harness is better for a cat.) Keep car windows closed far enough to prevent cat from jumping out. Never leave your cat unattended in a closed car during hot weather.
- If motion sickness is a problem, medication is available to help and calm the cat. Always restrict food and water before traveling.
- Many hotels welcome pets, but you should check to be sure. You may want to carry a covered litter box in your trunk.
- Upon arrival, give food & water sparingly and offer plenty of understanding & affection.



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# Health Record of

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DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Markings \_\_\_\_\_

Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Emergency#s \_\_\_\_\_

