



CORE VACCINES & YOUR CAT

R HINOTRACHEITIS (HERPESVIRUS 1) (R)

Rhinotracheitis is a contagious virus that is spread by infected cats and causes 50% of respiratory disease in cats. Symptoms included coughing, sneezing, nasal discharge, conjunctivitis, loss of appetite, and fever. It can lead to. Kittens are protected by their mother's milk initially and then by vaccinations given by your veterinarian every three weeks through 16 weeks of age, boosted one year later, and then given no more frequently than every three years.

C ALICIVIRUS (C)

Calicivirus is a contagious virus that is spread by infected cats and causes respiratory disease in cats. Symptoms of calicivirus include upper respiratory infection, limping, and oral ulceration. Kittens are protected by their mother's milk initially and then by vaccinations given by your veterinarian every three weeks through 16 weeks of age, boosted one year later, and then given no more frequently than every three years.

P ANLEUKOPENIA (P)

Panleukopenia is an extremely contagious virus that is often fatal in cats. Fever, depression, loss of appetite and sudden death are all symptoms. Kittens gain protection initially from their mother's milk, but as this immunity fades immunization continues the protection process. The disease is spread by infected cat's feces and is very hardy, surviving in the environment for months.

R ABIES (RECOMBINANT VS. ADJUVANTED)

Rabies is one of the few diseases that can infect any warm blooded animal, including humans and is considered 100% fatal. The incidence of Rabies in humans in the United States is very low (partially due to vaccination programs) but it is still found in wild animals and even cats and dogs. Cats should be vaccinated at 12-16 weeks of age, a year later, and then every year to three years for life. The newer recombinant vaccine is thought to be less inflammatory and therefore associated with lower vaccine associated sarcoma risk.

Your pet's vaccine schedule...

6-16 weeks of age	RCP every 3 weeks
16 weeks of age	Rabies
1 ½ years of age	RCP, Rabies
Every 1-3 years thereafter	Rabies
<u>No more than every three years thereafter</u>	RCP

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L LEUKEMIA (FELV)

Leukemia is a virus spread from cat to cat via direct contact. FELV tends to be an immunosuppressive disease predisposing infected animals to a variety of illnesses and cancers. Cats with exposure to the outside are considered at risk for infection with the leukemia virus. The vaccination requires one initial booster the first year it is administered and is then administered annually.