



Other vaccinations;

After evaluating your cats particular situation and risk factors your veterinary surgeon may recommend vaccinating against other diseases. These include;

Feline Chlamydiosis

This disease is caused by a bacteria and is responsible for 15-20% of all feline respiratory diseases. It is extremely contagious, especially in young kittens and the infection rate is very high. It causes a local infection of the mucous membranes of the eyes but may also involve the lungs. It can be transmitted to humans by direct contact. Vaccination is the preferred method for prevention.

Like any drug treatment, vaccinations cannot be 100% guaranteed. However, when used in conjunction with proper nutrition and good husbandry, vaccination is clearly your pets best defense against disease.

When you consider what treating a serious illness can cost, plus the distress of its effects, prevention through vaccination is extremely cost effective.

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One way of helping your cat live a long and healthy life is to ensure that they are vaccinated against common feline diseases. Kittens receive immunity from their mother from the colostrum ('first milk'), however this will only last for a few weeks, after this time it is important you help provide that protection.

Your cat should be protected against the diseases which are most common, highly contagious or cause severe illness/death. The vaccinations your cat needs can be chosen on an evaluation of your cats lifestyle, environment and hereditary factors.

Vaccinations contain small quantities of altered or killed viruses, bacteria or disease causing organisms. When these are administered to your cat they stimulate the cats immune system to produce disease fighting cells and antibodies to protect against disease.

The first vaccination is usually given in 2 doses. The first one at approximately 9 weeks of age, the second one given 3 weeks later. Thereafter your cat will require annual booster vaccinations for the rest of their life.



Listed below are the diseases we commonly vaccinate against;

Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis

This is caused by a virus which is easily transmitted from one cat to another. Vaccination is vital if your cat is going to come into contact with other cats. The symptoms may take the form of fever, loss of appetite, coughing, sneezing, eye and nasal discharge. Kittens are particularly affected, but this disease can be dangerous in any unprotected cat, as effective treatment is limited. Even if a cat recovers it can be a carrier for life, passing the disease on to other unprotected cats.

Feline Calicivirus

Another virus that causes upper respiratory-tract infections. Widespread and highly contagious, its symptoms include fever, ulcers and blisters on the tongue and pneumonia. Treating this disease can be difficult. Even if the cat recovers, a recovered cat can continue to infect other animals, as well as experience chronic sneezing and runny eyes. So vaccination is very important.



Feline Panleucopenia

This disease is caused by a virus that can survive in the environment for up to one year. Therefore, as most cats will be exposed to it during their lifetimes and infection rates are high (as much as 90-100%), vaccination against this potentially fatal disease is essential. Symptoms can include listlessness, diarrhoea, vomiting, fever and severe dehydration. Thankfully the vaccine is very effective in preventing the disease. The disease is difficult to treat against once a cat has become infected, and even if recovery takes place they can continue to spread the disease to other, non vaccinated animals.

Feline Leukaemia (FeLV)

Infection with the Feline Leukaemia Virus can result in a multitude of serious health problems for your cat, everything from cancerous conditions such as leukaemia to a range of secondary infections caused by the destruction of the immune system. Vaccination against this potentially fatal disease is highly recommended.