



Recommended Health Program For Your Kitten

At Pets and Vets as Partners we recommend starting the vaccination program at 6-8 weeks of age and continuing until 17-19 weeks.

6-8 weeks old

Complete Physical Exam	\$42.00
First Vaccination: Panleukopenia-Calici-Chlamydia-Rhinotracheitis	\$17.70
Fecal Analysis	\$23.46
Leukemia/FIV/Heartworm Combo test: done on site	\$44.31
Heartguard Plus (heartworm prevention chewable tablet)	\$6.55/month (up to 5 lbs.)
Deworming	price depends on wt. of animal

9-11 weeks old (three weeks after first visit)

Physical Exam – Brief	\$32.00
Second vaccine: Panleukopenia-Calici-Chlamydia-Rhinotracheitis	\$17.70
Deworming	price depends on wt. of animal

13-15 weeks old (four weeks after second visit)

Physical Exam - Brief	\$32.00
Third vaccine: Panleukopenia-Calici-Chlamydia-Rhinotracheitis	\$17.70
First Leukemia Vaccine (outdoor cats)	\$23.14

17-19 weeks old (four weeks after third visit)

Physical Exam – Brief	\$32.00
Annual Booster: Panleukopenia-Calici-Chlamydia-Rhinotracheitis	\$17.70
Leukemia Booster (outdoor cats)	\$23.14
Rabies Vaccination	\$22.77

After the recommended vaccination program is complete, your kitten will only need booster vaccines once yearly. We advise that a fecal analysis be done twice a year to check for internal parasites.

Fleas and Ticks: There are several products on the market used to control the population of fleas on your pet and/or prevent infestation.

We carry a product called Vectra 3D that comes as a topical suspension applied between the animal's shoulder blades once monthly. Vectra 3D works even after bathing your pet or playing in the rain. Protection against fleas and ticks remains effective for 1 month after application. Vectra 3D is safe for use in kittens 8 weeks or older.

Heartworms: Just like dogs, cats may also contract heartworms from an infected mosquito. Studies have shown that though we may think our indoor cats are safe, approximately 55% of cats diagnosed with heartworm disease are in fact strictly indoor cats! We recommend keeping your feline on year-round Heartgard chewable tablets to prevent heartworm infection. The tablets are easy to administer (chewable) and also offer protection from hookworm infection. For cats that may be finicky eaters and will not take the chewable Heartgard tablets, we recommend the products Revolution or Advantage Multi. Both Revolution and Advantage Multi are topical suspensions that will protect your cat from heartworm infection, flea infestation, ear mites and some intestinal parasites.

Deworming: To reduce the risk to both pets and people of parasitic infections we recommend strategic deworming. Strategic deworming consists of treating your pet for removal of parasitic worms at regular intervals that are specifically designed to prevent parasitic diseases and the shedding of parasite eggs in both your yard and home. Strategic deworming serves to prevent the development of infections in your pet by treating before parasite damage actually occurs. This is especially important in young kittens who almost always get parasites from their mothers (~90% of the time). We will deworm your kitten at least two times during the recommended health program that we follow. It is important to note that owners are able to contract parasitic infections from their pets, which serves as one of the major reasons to strategically deworm your pet. Most commonly people contract zoonotic parasites by accidentally ingesting parasite eggs contaminating the environment. Handling feces without washing hands properly, playing in sandboxes or soil contaminated with animal feces and even being in close contact with infected animals are some of the ways in which people may contract parasites. Those most susceptible to parasitic infections include children and the elderly as well as anyone who may have a compromised immune system, those who have lots of close contact with animals (especially puppy and kitten owners) and definitely those who might be careless about sanitation or personal hygiene. Because it is not possible to keep your pet from being exposed to parasites completely, we recommend you talk to our veterinarians and establish a schedule for strategic deworming that best fits your pet and lifestyle. Prices for deworming vary with the type of dewormer used and the weight of your kitten.

Surgeries: Spay or neuter surgeries are recommended between 4 and 6 months of age. Front declaw surgeries may be performed as early as 8 weeks of age. Front declaws can also be done at the time of the spay or neuter surgery. All surgeries are done under the safest anesthesia available and monitored from beginning to end by a Registered Veterinary Technician. Because each kitten is different we recommend that owners meet with the doctor performing the procedure before the surgery to discuss the anesthesia protocols that will be followed as well as pain management and comfort issues regarding your pet's care. It is highly recommended that you elect to get pre-anesthetic blood work performed the day of or a few days prior to your kitten's procedure. Blood work tests for the proper function of organs such as the kidneys and liver and assists the doctor in determining the safest anesthesia possible for your pet. Not only does blood work help to check for health problems that your kitten may have been born with but it also may be used as a baseline for comparison if your pet has any health problems in the future. The doctor will perform a pre-surgical exam before your pet's procedure to insure that your kitten is in good health. Note that the cost of surgery includes the pre-surgical exam, pre-anesthetic medications, gas anesthesia during the procedure, surgery, and pre and post-op care. The cost of blood work is in addition to the cost of the surgery. Also, while your kitten is anesthetized we will do complimentary nail clippings and ear cleanings.

Owners are welcome to observe surgery and see how our surgery setting is similar to human hospitals. If you prefer not to watch your own pet have surgery, you are welcome to come see one at another time. Please ask our staff for appropriate times to observe surgical procedures.

Dental Care: Dental care should be provided to your kitten as early as possible. Feeding dry food only is recommended and brushing teeth regularly will help to prevent plaque and tartar buildup, which leads to unpleasant bad breath and gingivitis. A cat may need a dental cleaning by the age of 2 to 3 years depending on the amount of preventative dental care they received at home. A dental cleaning is done under general anesthesia similar to our surgical procedures.

We recommend that you begin training your kitten to tolerate teeth brushings on a regular basis. We offer several over the counter products to assist in proper preventative dental care for your pet.

Other Services: Our clinic also offers boarding accommodations for your pets when needed. Our caring team makes your pet feel right at home.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you and your kitten. If you have any other questions about the care and veterinary services your kitten will need, do not hesitate to ask any of our helpful staff members!

Enjoy your new kitten!

Pets and Vets as Partners Staff