

Kitten Vaccines

Rabies: The rabies virus is always fatal and attacks the nervous system. It is transmitted chiefly through the bite of an infected animal. Cats are vaccinated between 12 and 16 weeks of age. This booster vaccine is given yearly, even for indoor cats. An up to date rabies vaccine is required by the state of Maine for **all** cats and dogs.

Feline Distemper Vaccine: The distemper vaccine is first given at 8 weeks of age. They receive a booster vaccine every 3 to 4 weeks until the kitten is 16 weeks old. The vaccine is repeated in 1 year, and then given every 3 years.

Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis (FVR): a highly contagious respiratory disease that causes sneezing, appetite loss, fever, and eye inflammation.

Feline Panleukopenia (feline distemper): a widespread, highly contagious disease that is especially dangerous to kittens. Causes fever, appetite loss, vomiting and diarrhea.

Feline Calicivirus (FVC): another serious respiratory infection. Often occurs simultaneously with feline viral rhinotracheitis. Signs of infection are similar to FVR, but calicivirus may also cause ulcers on the tongue.

Feline Leukemia (FELV): should be given to kittens that will be going outdoors or that will be exposed to other cats (boarding, cat shows, etc.). This vaccine is given at 12 weeks of age