

Get to Know Your Cats Vaccines



FVRCP – This vaccine helps protect your cat against 3 highly contagious and life-threatening diseases.

Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis is an infectious disease caused by the feline herpesvirus that is passed through direct contact (saliva, eye or nasal discharge) with virus particles or contaminated inanimate objects. Common symptoms are Upper Respiratory Disease, conjunctivitis and nasal discharge. Infected cats will be carriers for life and treatment is symptomatic – meaning there is no cure but there are medications that can reduce symptoms.

Feline Calicivirus is a virus that can cause upper respiratory infections and oral disease in cats. You will notice sneezing, congestion, eye and nasal discharge along with painful ulcers in the mouth. It is highly contagious and can only be treated symptomatically.

Feline Panleukopenia is a highly contagious viral disease of cats caused by the feline parvovirus. The virus causes damage to the cells in the intestines, it also attacks bone marrow and lymph nodes. Symptoms include lethargy, depression, loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea and fever. Since there are no medications capable of killing the virus, intensive treatment is critical to support the cat's health with medications and fluids until its own body and immune system can fight off the virus.



Feline Leukemia – Feline leukemia virus (FeLV) is second only to trauma as the leading cause of death in cats, killing 85% of persistently infected felines within three years of diagnosis. The virus commonly causes anemia or lymphoma, but because it suppresses the immune system, it can also predispose cats to deadly infections. Symptoms include pale gums, yellowing of the whites of the eyes, weight loss, lethargy, fever and difficulty breathing. 85% of cats infected with feline leukemia virus die within three years of diagnosis. However, regular veterinary check-ups and good preventive health care can help keep these cats feeling well for some time and help protect them from secondary infection.



Rabies – This is an incurable virus that attacks the brain and spinal cord. It is a fatal disease that affects mammals (including humans). It is transmitted when one infected animal bites another. Symptoms include aggression, depraved appetite, paralysis and seizures. There is no treatment, only prevention.