

Vaccination Release Form for Cats

State law requires all cats over 4 months of age to be vaccinated for **rabies**, which is a very deadly disease. They can be vaccinated as young as 3 months and must have their first booster in 1 year. A current rabies vaccination is required for any cat staying at our hospital unless they are sick or injured.

We recommend that all cats be vaccinated for Feline Rhinotracheitis, Calici Virus, Chlamydia and Panleukopenia (**FVRCP**) commonly known as “Feline Distemper Vaccine”. This vaccine is required for any cat staying at our hospital unless they are sick or injured. We also recommend testing for Feline Leukemia Virus (**FeLV**) and Feline Immunosuppressive Virus (FIV or “Feline Aids”), then vaccinating for Feline Leukemia if the test is negative and your cat may go outside or be exposed to cats that go outside. **At least two FVRCP and FeLV vaccines** should be given 3 to 4 weeks apart initially beginning as early as 6 weeks and ending about 16 weeks of age, again in a year then once every 3 years for the FVRCP and yearly for FeLV after that. We offer a discounted “kitten program” for the 1st four months vaccinations. **Adverse reactions** occur in about 5% or less of all cats vaccinated and may include any one or more of the following: a small lump under the skin or soreness where the vaccine was given, lethargy, fever, or mild diarrhea for 24 hours, edema or swelling and itching of the face and ears, slightly raised welts all over or **very rarely** anaphylactic shock and death. Please call us immediately if you notice any signs other than soreness.

About 1 out of 10,000 cats have developed cancerous tumors called **fibrosarcomas** that have been linked to cat vaccines and other injections. For this reason many veterinarians recommend the FVRCP vaccines every 3 years after the 1st yearly booster or getting titers done yearly, however, FeLV vaccines are still recommended yearly.

We also recommend **deworming your cat at least yearly** or **checking a fecal sample for worm ova** (eggs) now or any time your cat has diarrhea.

I give the doctors and staff of Asheboro Animal Hospital permission to perform the following procedures on _____:

(+Office Visit Fee)

(FVRCP Vac.	FeLV) Vac.	Rabies Vac.	FeLV Test	FeLV/FIV Test	Fecal Exam	Deworm	Signature	Date
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