

Cat Vaccinations

Even if your cat doesn't venture outside, it can be at risk of a number of feline diseases, as infection can be brought home on clothes and shoes. Fortunately vaccines are available for a number of these diseases.

Our chosen vaccine range allows us the flexibility to tailor our vaccination schedule according to your cat's lifestyle, local risk factors and WSAVA (World Small Animal Veterinary Association) guidelines, meaning your cat will be fully protected without being over-vaccinated.

Our standard vaccination protocol offers protection against **Feline Infectious Enteritis** (Feline Panleukopaenia Virus FPLV) and **Feline Respiratory Disease** (Feline Calicivirus FCV and Feline Herpes Virus type 1 FHV). We also recommend vaccination against **Feline Leukaemia Virus** (FeLV). This is transmitted by bites etc, so is not necessary if your cat is entirely indoors (if your cat has access to the garden it should be vaccinated).

It can be easy to forget the impact that these diseases can have on our much-loved pets, as fortunately these diseases are seen much more rarely than they used to be. This is thanks to the fact that so many pets are vaccinated and will only continue to be the case by keeping up to date with vaccinations. Annual booster vaccinations also provide the opportunity for a health check and the chance to discuss any concerns you may have with the vet.

Kitten Vaccinations

Our usual vaccination protocol is as follows:

- 1st vaccination from 8-9 weeks
- 2nd vaccination 3-4 weeks later
(minimum age 12 weeks)
- 1st 'Junior' booster 9 months later



Booster Vaccinations

Traditionally the first 'Junior' booster has been given after 12 months, in keeping with annual vaccinations for adult cats. However current guidelines recommend that this dose be brought forwards to avoid a potential 'immunity gap'. We have devised our vaccination schedule accordingly, in order to provide what we feel to be the optimal and most appropriate protection for your kitten.

Following the kitten vaccinations and the Junior booster, subsequent boosters are annual (within 12 months).

Whilst vaccination against FPLV can provide up to 3 years of cover, vaccination against FeLV and the respiratory viruses should be repeated within 12 months in order to ensure protection. Indeed if your cat is visiting a cattery it can be a good idea to boost protection against the respiratory viruses a few weeks before boarding, in order to maximise immunity.