Cat Diseases and Their Vaccines

We have vaccines available for all of these preventable diseases. You might have heard us call them:

- **FVRCP**: This protects against Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis (FVR), Feline Distemper and Feline Calicivirus (FCV)
- **Rabies**: This protects against the terrifying rabies virus
- **FeLV**: This protects against the feline leukemia virus

Many feline diseases can now be prevented through vaccination. A vaccination schedule prepared by your veterinarian can contribute greatly to your cat's good health and a longer life span.

### Our vaccine protocol for cats

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### DIRECTIONS

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### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Visit our website [pinellasvet.com](http://pinellasvet.com)
It is a great resource for pet health information and to learn more about our hospital services and staff.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

- Monday-Thursday: 7am-8pm
- Friday: 7am-6pm
- Saturday: 8am-6pm
- Sunday: Closed

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RABIES

Rabies is always fatal and attacks the nervous system, and is transmitted chiefly through the bite on an infected animal.

**Symptoms:** anxiety, confusion, slight/partial paralysis, excitation, agitation, aggression, hypersalivation, difficulty swallowing.

All mammals are vulnerable to a rabies infection. Most human exposures result from contact with domestic species, with more than 30,000 resulting in death each year.

HEARTWORM

Even though many of our feline friends are indoors, they are still at risk of heartworms. Heartworms are spread by mosquitoes. Infected ones are currently in our area and can fly into our homes. Once bitten by an infected mosquito, the larva travel through tissues and finally to the heart where they cause damage.

In cats, they are difficult to detect since they typically have one or two adult heartworms. Unlike dogs there are no readily available safe treatments at this time; meaning, a few years after infection the adult heartworms die and our beloved cats often have a severe fatal reaction.

The best way to prevent heartworm disease is by providing your furry feline with a topical or oral monthly heartworm preventative which kills the larva before it can infect your pets heart!

FELINE PANLEUKOPENIA (FELINE DISTEMPER)

is among the most widespread of all cat diseases and is extremely contagious. Feline panleukopenia results in a high mortality rate, particularly among kittens.

**Symptoms:** diarrhea, vomiting, disinterest in food/water, depression, low white blood cell count, and seizures.

It can survive at room temperature for up to 1 year.

FELINE VIRAL RHINOTRACHEITIS (FVR)

FVR is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by feline herpesvirus-1.

**Symptoms:** loss of appetite, fever, eye inflammation and marked sneezing.

As the disease progresses, a discharge is noticeable from both nose and eyes.

FELINE CALICIVIRUS (FCV)

FCV is another serious feline respiratory infection that often occurs simultaneously with feline viral rhinotracheitis.

**Symptoms:** sneezing, discharge from the eyes and nose, pneumonia, loss of appetite, fever, and mouth sores.

FELINE LEUKEMIA

Leukemia is an important cause of lymphoma (cancer of the lymphatic system), immunosuppression and disease of the bone marrow.

**Symptoms:** fever, loss of appetite, weight loss, diarrhea, swollen lymph nodes, pale or inflamed gums.

Some cats have transient infections with few ill effects while others have persistent infections varying in severity, some of which may be fatal over time.

FLEA

With our warm and sunny Florida weather comes prime conditions for fleas to live and thrive year around. They love shaded areas outside as well as the indoors. Even if your feline remains indoors, he/she can still get them from your other pets (dogs), stray cats or they can hitch a ride on us.

Not only can fleas cause allergic reactions in your fur baby, they can carry parasites (tapeworms) and diseases like catch scratch fever (contagious to people). The best way to protect them and ourselves is by providing regular topical or oral flea prevention.

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