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Kitten Schedule

Your new kitten's health is very important to us. To help you get started with proper nutrition and care for your pet, we recommend a full physical examination as soon as possible. We will discuss training, nutrition, and important vaccinations that are necessary for your kitten's health to protect them from various diseases.

▼ First Visit with Doctor (8-12 weeks old)	▼ Second Visit with Doctor (12-14 weeks old)	▼ Third Visit with Doctor (14-16 weeks old)	▼ Technician appointment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Physical Exam • FVRCP vaccine • Fecal examination • FeLV/FIV test (<i>8 weeks or older</i>) • De-worming • Dispense heartworm and flea/tick prevention • Information on nutrition and training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recheck physical exam • FVRCP vaccine • Fecal examination • De-worming • Dispense heartworm and flea/tick prevention • Information on dental care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recheck physical exam • FVRCP vaccine • Rabies vaccine • Dispense heartworm and flea/tick prevention • Consultation and estimate for spay/neuter • Information on microchip ID • Leukemia vaccine (<i>outdoor kittens only</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leukemia vaccine (<i>outdoor kittens only</i>)

DIET: Cats less than a year old should be fed a premium quality food formulated for kittens. Vitamin supplements are not necessary unless directed by a veterinarian. Table scraps and milk should be avoided as they may be high in fat, nutritionally deficient, and upset the balance of a good diet. Kittens less than four months old should be fed 3 times per day. Adult cats should be fed 1/3 cup of food 2 times per day.

FELV-FIV TEST: Feline Leukemia is a contagious and fatal disease of cats. Since the disease may be transmitted from mother to kitten, all kittens should be tested for the virus. Feline Immunodeficiency Virus is another disease that depresses the immune system and is fatal. Testing is highly recommended before beginning the feline leukemia vaccinations. The feline leukemia vaccine is only recommended for cats that go outside. We have not included this vaccine in our package since we encourage owners to keep their cats strictly indoors.

FVRCP VACCINE: Given every 3-4 weeks of age until your kitten is 16 weeks of age or older. This vaccine prevents Feline Distemper, Viral Rhinotracheitis, and Calicivirus. The FVRCP vaccine is given annually until the age of 3 and then every 3 years. It is important that all cats receive at least 2 doses for full protection.

LEUKEMIA VACCINE: Vaccine is recommended for outdoor cats to prevent feline leukemia. The vaccine is given annually as an adult. It is important that all cats receive at least 2 doses for full protection.

RABIES VACCINE: Given when kitten reaches 4 months of age and then annually thereafter. Prevents rabies and is required in Virginia when the kitten reaches 4 months of age.

FECAL EXAMINATION: A lab analysis of a stool sample will check for coccidia, roundworms, hookworms and whipworm eggs. Evidence of tapeworms may be seen in the stool as well. Kittens are usually de-wormed on their first visit and again in 2-3 weeks. Lab analysis of a stool sample is repeated annually.

FLEA/TICK AND HEARTWORM PREVENTATIVE: The doctor will recommend monthly prevention to prevent diseases transmitted by fleas, ticks, and mosquitos such as heartworm disease and intestinal parasites.

SPAYING of females and **NEUTERING** of males is recommended for all pets not intended for breeding. Breast tumors, testicular disease, cancer and certain undesirable behaviors may be significantly reduced. While surgery is recommended when your pet is about 5 months old, it can be performed at any age.

MICROCHIP: A form of identification recommended to ensure the safe return of your pet if lost. Although recommended while your pet is being spayed or neutered, the process can easily be performed at any time.

