



## CORE FELINE VACCINATIONS AND THE DISEASES THEY PROTECT AGAINST

Vaccination	Description
<b>FVRCP (Feline Rhinotracheitis Virus/Chlamydia/Panleukopenia Virus)</b>	Together, these infectious organisms can cause upper and lower respiratory infections, eye infections, neurologic disease, severe intestinal disease and death. The vaccination that protects against this combination of diseases is called the FVRCP vaccine, also referred to as the “kitten” or “distemper” vaccine. Kittens typically receive this booster at 6-8 weeks of age. The booster is given every three weeks until two to three boosters have been given. Adult cats should receive the vaccine booster every one to three years.
<b>Rabies Virus</b>	This fatal virus causes neurologic disease and death in infected pets. It is spread primarily through the saliva of infected animals. There is no cure for Rabies and it can be transmitted to humans through bites. Some Illinois counties require that all pet cats receive this vaccine, others do not. All cats that have exposure to other animals outdoors should be vaccinated against Rabies regardless of county laws. This is not only to protect them, but to protect their human family members and others as well.
<b>Other Recommended Wellness Services</b>	<p><b>Monthly Heartworm Prevention</b>—If your cat goes outdoors, he or she is at risk of contracting heartworm disease. Heartworms are parasitic worms that primarily infect the heart and lungs. Heartworm disease is spread by mosquitoes carrying the larvae and passing it to pets when they bite. Strictly indoor cats are less likely to be exposed to mosquitoes, but heartworm disease transmission is still a possibility and you may consider treating your indoor pets as well. If your pet is an avid hunter of small mammals, monthly heartworm prevention is recommended since it also is a routine general dewormer for common intestinal parasites such as roundworms. Products available on the market include topical Revolution® or oral Feline Heartgard®.</p> <p><b>Monthly Flea Prevention</b>—If your cat goes outdoors, or lives in a household where there is a dog that goes outdoors, monthly flea prevention such as Vectra® should be applied to your cat during flea season. Fleas not only cause skin irritation, they potentially can pass various diseases to the pets they feed upon.</p>