

Kitten Schedule



There are a lot of things to do for your kitten in his or her first few months of life! This is an overview of when you'll want to bring your kitten into the clinic and which vaccines they'll get. Not every kitten fits this schedule, so be sure to discuss with your veterinary team!

8 week visit

Kittens who came from a breeder or were born in a shelter go home around this time. They will sometimes have already received an FVRCP vaccine prior to going home. Depending on if or when your kitten got a first FVRCP, they may get one at this visit. You should bring a stool sample to each visit. You'll get a "Kitten Kit" at this visit. We recommend using flea, tick, and heartworm prevention every month; you will get a free sample in the Kitten Kit to give now. Most kittens will get a dewormer. Your veterinarian will discuss FIV/FelV testing with you at this visit.

12 week visit

Kittens at this age will get their first Rabies vaccine. They will also get their second FVRCP and their first Leukemia vaccines. We'll check again for intestinal parasites and may need to repeat a dewormer. At this visit we check in on litterbox or socialization issues and examine your kitten for any developmental issues.

16 week visit

This is usually the last visit for vaccines until next year. At this visit, they will get their final FVRCP and Leukemia vaccines. We will usually discuss when to plan for spay/neuter and microchipping at this visit. If you are having trouble cutting your kitten's nails at home, this visit is a good time to have a technician cut the nails and show you some tips. If you have any lingering questions, be sure to ask them!

Quick Info:

FVRCP: "Distemper" vaccine. First given as a 3 part series. After initial series, then given every 3 years.

Rabies: Given annually. A 3 year vaccine is available. Required by state law.

Leukemia: Given to all kittens as a 2-shot series, then annually for cats that go outdoors. Indoor-only cats don't need to continue this vaccine.

FIV/FelV testing: Kittens should be tested for these viral diseases, especially in a home with other cats. Discuss with your vet when your kitten should be tested.

Internal Parasites:

Kittens get worms easily. Most kittens are born with worms, and they can pick up worms from bugs or the yard. Deworming is important to remove the parasites and allow your kitten to grow normally.