

Congratulations on obtaining your new kitten! The following information is provided to help you understand what we feel are important steps to a healthy cat. Your pet's individual needs may vary.

WHEN YOUR KITTEN IS EIGHT WEEKS OLD

Comprehensive Medical Exam: During this *comprehensive physical survey*, our doctor examines every part of your pet's body. All abnormalities, if any, are explained in understandable terms. If any diagnostics or treatments are necessary, we will provide an estimate of the costs. (\$76.95)

Vaccinations: The standard Distemper/Upper Respiratory vaccination (FVRCP or "PCT") is administered to *protect your kitten from viruses* that cause cold-like symptoms and distemper. (\$37.00)

Deworming medication: *Many kittens are born with the roundworm parasite.* We emphasize the routine administration of dewormer for roundworms and hookworms. Both of these parasites contaminate the environment by shedding eggs in your pet's stool. *Young children are most susceptible* to illnesses caused by the ingestion of eggs residing in the environment. (\$22.00-\$50.00)

WHEN YOUR KITTEN IS 12 WEEKS OLD

Progress Evaluation: We do another complete physical exam designed to detect abnormal changes in your pet's rapidly growing body. The Progress Evaluation gives you time to ask the doctor questions that arise during your first months with your new kitten. We discuss various issues such as *genetic diseases, behavioral problems and spay/neuter information.* Our *goal is to communicate with you* about issues we feel are important to help you have a long, healthy, enjoyable relationship with your new pet. (\$54.95) **Flea/parasite treatment.** (\$22.00-\$50.00)

Vaccinations: The standard Distemper/Upper Respiratory vaccination (FVRCP or "PCT") "boosts" the FVRCP given during your kitten's first visit. (\$37.00). We also administer the first of two Leukemia (\$42.00) vaccines at this visit.

WHEN YOUR KITTEN IS 16 WEEKS OLD

Spaying or Neutering. This is the ideal time to spay or neuter most pets. Our spay/neuter price includes *safe gas anesthesia and monitoring with an EKG and respiratory monitor.* (Spay and neuter fees vary according to weight and other factors. We will provide an estimate customized for your pet.)

Vaccinations: Kittens will receive a "booster" for both the PCT (\$37.00) and Leukemia (\$42.00) vaccines. The Rabies vaccination is also given at this time. This vaccine protects cats from the rabies virus, *a potentially deadly virus* that can be transmitted to humans bitten by a rabid animal. (\$38.00) This will complete your kitten's vaccines for one year.

The Feline Leukemia vaccine is recommended for all kittens. This vaccine is boosted in one month and again one year later. After the first year booster additional vaccine boosters are needed only for "at risk" cats. *At-risk cats* are those who go both indoors and outdoors and who share living quarters with cats that are positive for the virus. (\$42.00)

FELV/FIV Testing: Because national statistics show that *one in every 20-30 cats is positive for the leukemia or feline immunodeficiency virus*, we strongly recommend testing your kitten for these diseases, especially if he or she was a stray or if you don't know the parents' history. (\$65.00)

Microchipping is recommended at this time. The Home Again™ microchip is a safe, permanent, rice grain-sized identification device administered like a vaccine. Statistics show *one in three pets is lost* at some point in its lifetime, and *only one in ten lost pets is found.* Microchipping dramatically increases the likelihood of a pet's recovery (\$72.95 – includes registration in national database). **Flea/parasite treatment.** (\$22.00-\$50.00)

ANNUAL RECOMMENDATIONS for maintaining your kitten's health: Comprehensive physical exam, vaccinations and parasite control as recommended for your pet's unique health needs.