

Best Friends Veterinary Hospital

DISEASE PREVENTION FOR YOUR CAT:

<u>Examinations:</u>	Yearly exams are the best way to ensure that your pet stays healthy. Senior pets (over 7 years of age) should be examined twice yearly.
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Vaccinations Available:

RABIES:	State law requires cats to be vaccinated for Rabies
FVRCCP:	Protects cats from some of the most common contagious diseases (Feline Rhinotracheitis, Calici, Panleukopenia, Chlamydia Psittaci)
FelV:	Feline Leukemia Virus – strongly recommended for all cats with <u>any</u> outdoor activity
FIP:	Feline Infectious Peritonitis – only recommended for certain cats with frequent outdoor activity

Blood Tests:

FelV:	Tests for antibodies indicating exposure to the Feline Leukemia Virus. Patient should be at least <u>9 weeks</u> of age.
FIV:	Tests for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus. Patient should be at least <u>4 months</u> of age.

<u>Spaying & Neutering:</u>	Performed around 4 to 6 months of age, prior to the onset of puberty - improves health and behavior, and drastically reduces likelihood of certain types of cancer. All cats should be spayed or neutered unless you intend to breed them. Surgery is performed under general anesthesia while your pet is monitored by a nurse. Medication is sent home for any post-operative pain.
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Other Services Available:

FECAL EXAM:	Stool sample is screened for intestinal parasites, some of which can be passed to people
WELLNESS TEST:	A blood and urine panel designed for early detection of age-related diseases. Strongly recommended for all pets over 7 years of age, but testing is available for all patients.
AVID CHIP:	Microchip injected under skin for permanent pet identification

RECOMMENDED VACCINE SCHEDULE

7 TO 9 WEEKS OLD:

- Physical Exam
- First FVRCCP
- Fecal Exam
- FeLV blood test (if 9 weeks old)

11 TO 13 WEEKS OLD:

- Physical Exam
- Second FVRCCP
- First FeLV (if needed)
- Second Fecal Exam

15 TO 17 WEEKS OLD:

- Physical Exam
- Third FVRCCP
- Second FeLV
- First FIP (if needed)
- Rabies (required by Ohio state law)

4 TO 6 MONTHS:

- Spay or Neuter
- FIV test?

ADULT CATS:

- Yearly boosters for FVRCCP, FeLV and FIP.
- The initial Rabies vaccine is boosted after 1 year, and then every 3 years in Ohio.
- Fecal exams are recommended yearly for indoor cats, and twice yearly for outdoor cats.
- Monthly application of Revolution (heartworm preventive and flea control) is recommended throughout the year.