

Vaccination Schedules for Kittens and Cats

Kittens are normally vaccinated once every 4 weeks, starting between 6 and 8 weeks of age and continuing until the kitten is at least 16 weeks of age.

When the kitten was born, it received some protection from disease from its mother. As the cat matures this protection slowly goes away and the vaccinations that the pet received replaces this protection by encouraging the pet's own immune system to produce antibodies that will protect it from disease.

The same shots will be repeated several times to teach the cat's immune system to protect itself. The younger the pet is, the more often the immune system will need to be reminded to create the antibodies.

Adult cats that have not received vaccinations annually or without known vaccination histories will follow the initial vaccination series for cats 12 weeks and over.

Kittens 6-7 weeks old

The FVRCP (distemper) vaccination should be given once a month for 4 months.

Kittens 8 to 11 weeks old

The FVRCP (distemper) vaccination should be given once a month for 3 months.

Kittens 12 weeks and over

- The FVRCP (distemper) vaccination should be given once a month for 2 months.
- Rabies is given at 12 weeks or older, 1 time.

Cats at 1 Year

Cats will need vaccinations again 1 year after the initial series is completed.

Note: Feleuk (feline Leukemia) vaccinations are only give to outside cats.