

Kanawha City Veterinary Hospital
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Recommended preventative care for your cat

For ALL cats we recommend:

1. Annual examinations (or twice yearly if your cat is over 7 years old)—This is very important for our veterinarian to get to know your pet and to perform a thorough physical to detect any health problems that may be present. An annual examination is required for your pet to receive vaccinations or to have any medications prescribed for it.
2. Rabies vaccine—This is the only vaccine that is required by law for your cat. This is to prevent your cat from contracting rabies, which would not only be fatal for the cat, but would also pose a risk to human health.
3. FVRCP/C (sometimes called the 4-in-1 vaccine)—This is a vaccine against the most common upper respiratory diseases in cats, some of which can be very serious or even fatal, especially in kittens.
4. Feline Leukemia vaccine—This is a highly contagious and almost invariably fatal disease of cats. It is a virus that is spread through casual contact, so even indoor cats who may sit in open windows or on a screened porch can catch it, or it can even be carried in on shoes, clothes and hands of people.
5. Monthly heartworm and flea control--Heartworm disease is difficult to diagnose in cats, and there is no treatment available for cats. Unfortunately, one of the signs of heartworm disease in cats is sudden death. The good news is that it is highly preventable. Monthly application of Revolution not only prevents heartworm disease, but it is highly effective against fleas as well. It also deworms cats for hookworms and roundworms, and treats for ear mites and certain

other external parasites. What a great product! Talk about killing 2 birds (or 3 or 4 or 5!) with 1 stone.

6. Feline leukemia and FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus) testing—All cats should be tested for these contagious and fatal diseases. We recommend it at your cat's first visit with us, as well as anytime your cat is sick, especially if it spends time outdoors. A small blood sample is required, and we run the test here in the hospital—we can have results in about 10 minutes.
7. Annual intestinal parasite screen—A microscopic examination of your cat's stool can reveal intestinal parasites that can negatively impact his or her health. This is especially important if your cat goes outdoors. Even if you use Revolution, there are other parasites that can infect your cat, so regular screening is important.

For *SOME* cats we recommend:

1. FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus) vaccine—If your cat is outdoors or has a history of getting into fights, we may recommend this vaccine. FIV is spread through bite wounds, and is a potentially fatal infection with no cure. We must test your cat first before we give this vaccine, because once the vaccine is given, future tests for FIV will be positive.
2. FIP (Feline Infectious Peritonitis) vaccine—This is a contagious viral infection in cats that is not common. The only times we recommend this vaccine is if you have had a previous cat diagnosed with FIP or if you have a multiple cat household in which infection is more likely (such as a cattery).
3. Feline Bordetella vaccine—This is a contagious cause of upper respiratory disease in cats (and dogs). If you board or groom your cat regularly, we may recommend this vaccine.

Please take a moment to review these recommendations before you see the veterinarian so that we may address any questions that you may have. We sincerely appreciate you allowing us to care for your cat.