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Feline Vaccine Descriptions and Explanations

Feline Leukemia: This is a virus that is contagious to other cats only. It is spread primarily through saliva. Cats can contract the virus from other cats during fighting or licking, and even from sneezing. Kittens can be exposed by their mothers at birth. Treatment options for cats with leukemia are limited and rarely successful, and there is no cure for the disease. Prevention of leukemia is the best solution, which is why we recommend vaccinating all kittens and continuing into adulthood depending on the adult cat's lifestyle.

FVRCP: This is a vaccine complex that is composed of Feline Distemper, Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, and Pneumonitis. These viruses are very contagious and easily transmitted between cats. All four of these viruses share similar clinical signs including discharge from the eyes and nose, sneezing and coughing. These viruses can also lead to death especially in kittens, so we recommend vaccination as a kitten and annually thereafter.

Rabies: This disease is transmitted through saliva of the infected animal, usually through a bite wound and is highly contagious to all animals including people. Rabies is fatal and all pets are required by law to be vaccinated. We do not recommend 3yr Rabies vaccines for cats. There is a 1 year vaccine that has been developed specifically for cats that is much safer for your pet.