

Vetting Schedule for Kittens & Adult Cats

Ruff Start Rescue will provide foster cats with routine veterinary care prior to placement in permanent adoptive homes. The following schedule outlines the various types of routine care provided.

To help ensure the health and safety of your foster cat, we ask that you adhere to the guidelines set forth, including the following:

1. Keep your foster cat indoors at all times, going outside only on a harness or into a secure cattery.
2. Cat vaccines are an important part of your cat's overall health. Vaccines should start between 4-8 weeks of age. Vaccination during this time is crucial as maternal antibodies are no longer protective. This means the cat will have to rely on an underdeveloped immune system to fight off cat infections and transmissible diseases.

Procedure Schedule

- Exam
- Microchip
- FeLV test *This is an easily transmissible disease amongst cats.*
 - Tests for feline leukemia in kittens as young as 6 weeks.
 - All adults must be tested
- FIV test
 - Any cat over a year
 - Any breeding/roaming cat over 6 months,
 - Any cat with stomatitis or oral ulcers,
 - And any cat that is ill.
- “Distemper combo” vaccine (PRC: panleukopenia, rhinotracheitis, and calicivirus)
 - See vaccine schedule chart below
 - Distemper vaccines can be completed with a vetting coordinator
 - no MLV (PRC) should be given when pregnant
- Rabies vaccination
 - See vaccine chart below
 - Needs to be completed by a veterinarian

Feline Vaccine schedule

Which vaccine is needed	Age at start of vaccine	How often it should be given	How many total vaccines they will receive	Once complete, when the next one needs to be given
PRC	4-7 weeks	Every 2-4 weeks	4 vaccines total	In 12 months
PRC	8-11 weeks	Every 2-4 weeks	3 vaccines total	In 12 months
PRC	12-16+ weeks	Every 2-4 weeks	2 vaccines total	In 12 months
Rabies	12-16+ weeks	Once	1 vaccine total	In 12 months

- De-worm (pyrantel) (panacur or praziquantel as needed)
 - Young kittens: (Pyrantel) Initial dose given at 2-3 weeks of age, then repeat doses at 2 weeks intervals until at least 12 weeks of age
 - Older kittens: Initial dose given shortly after intake, then repeat doses at 2-week intervals until at least 12 weeks of age or until a total of 3 doses are given
 - Outdoor cats 6 months or older should receive Praziquantel tablet or injection

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- Indoor cats should receive Pyrantel and then repeat after two weeks
- Nursing or pregnant moms can receive pyrantel, praziquantel or panacur for a total of 2 doses
- All cats will receive one dose of revolution at intake for parasites and heartworm prevention

- Spay/neuter
 - Done shortly after rescue after 3-day hold (Kittens must be at least 6 weeks old and weigh at least 1.5 pounds).

A kitten is considered up to date if it has had:

- 3 PRC vaccinations (if old enough)
- Rabies vaccination (if old enough)
- FeLV/FIV test
- Microchip
- Deworming
- Alteration surgery

An adult cat is considered up to date if it has had

- 2 PRC vaccinations
- Rabies vaccination,
- FeLV, +/- FIV test
- Microchip
- Deworming
- Alteration surgery

Cats can be adopted out following the alteration surgery; any subsequent vaccines will be the adopter's responsibility.