



YOUR CAT'S HEALTH, OUR PASSION • VOLUME 4, ISSUE 8 • AUGUST 2012 NEWSLETTER

FELINE VACCINATIONS— WHY THEY'RE IMPORTANT

Vaccinating your kitty against the most common and deadly cat diseases is one of the most important ways to help keep your cat healthy. A vaccination boosts your kitty's immune system by preparing it to combat a specific disease in the future.

Feline vaccinations fall into two categories: core vaccines (ones that are recommended for most cats), and ancillary vaccines (recommended by a veterinarian only for a small percentage of cats).

The Sacramento Cat Hospital prides itself on using only PUREVAX non-adjuvanted vaccines. Many vaccines are adjuvanted, meaning they contain an additive to help the cat's body absorb the vaccine. Unfortunately, adjuvanted vaccines have been shown to cause inflammation or even cancerous tumors at the injection site. Any time you plan to have your cat vaccinated, we recommend you confirm that a non-adjuvanted vaccine will be used.

If your kitty is current on his or her annual exam but is due for vaccinations, you can attend one of our walk-in vaccination clinics. Clinics are held every Wednesday and Saturday from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

If your kitty is due for his or her annual exam, please call us to schedule an appointment. Any necessary vaccinations can be given during the exam.

For more information about our vaccination clinic, including PUREVAX vaccine fees, please see the Forms section of our web site for our vaccination clinic handout.

And be sure not miss our August special offer below for a discount on vaccinations!

HELP KEEP YOUR KITTY SAFE FROM HEARTWORM DISEASE

Mosquitoes are always a potential threat to our feline friends, as they are carriers of heartworms. A single mosquito bite can infect a kitty not only with the heartworm parasite, but also with a bacteria called *Wolbachia*. Kitties infected with heartworm disease may develop HARDs (heartworm associated respiratory distress syndrome), which can be caused by inflammation due to the heartworms or their larva, which can, sadly, lead to sudden death.

There is no definitive heartworm treatment for cats, so it's important to prevent initial infection. Year-round prevention is important, even for indoor cats, as mosquitoes can enter through doors and window screens.

Fortunately, there are a number of simple ways to keep your kitty safe from heartworms. If your kitty is not already receiving monthly heartworm preventative, please talk with us about which medication is best for him or her.

AUGUST SPECIAL OFFER FOR OUR READERS

Through August 31, receive \$5 off every vaccination!

Please speak with one of our team members for more information.



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