



Recommended Disease Prevention Schedule for your Kitten's First Year

	Distemper	Leukemia	Rabies	Fecal Parasite Exam
Number of Vaccines in 1 st Year:	2-4	2	1	2
Age in weeks:	8 – 16w	10-12w	16w	8w +

Distemper:

- **Feline panleukopenia** is extremely contagious. Characterized by fever, loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhea. Feline panleukopenia causes death, particularly among kittens.
- **Rhinotracheitis** is a highly contagious respiratory disease characterized by sneezing, loss of appetite, fever and eye inflammation and discharge.
- **Calivirus** is another serious feline respiratory infection, often occurring simultaneously with rhinotracheitis. Clinical signs are similar but can also cause ulcers on the tongue.

Leukemia is a viral disease which can take several forms. Some cats have transient infections with few ill effects. Others have persistent infections varying in severity, some of which may be fatal over time. Feline Leukemia virus is not treatable. There is no relationship between feline leukemia and human leukemia.

Rabies is one of the most feared animal diseases and is almost always fatal. The virus attacks the brain and central nervous system and is transmitted to humans chiefly through the bite of an infected animal.

Fecal Exams: A small amount of fresh feces is floated for parasite eggs. Most intestinal parasites are not visible without a microscope. Feces collected must be less than 24 hours old and not frozen.

Flea and tick prevention is recommended monthly. Due to the amount of ticks in Maine we recommend treating from March through December.

Spay or Neuter will help to prevent some forms of cancer, behavioral urination, roaming, aggression, and unwanted litters. Discuss the appropriate age for surgery with your veterinarian.