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Congratulations on the new addition to your family!

Here is some important information for you regarding your kitten's health and vaccine schedule:

FVRCP (Feline Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Panleukopenia) is a series of 3 vaccines given at 3-4 week intervals. We recommend that your kitten be vaccinated at 8, 12, and 16 weeks of age. Follow up boosters for the FVRCP are given in 1 year, then every 3 years thereafter.

Feline Leukemia vaccine is recommended for cats that will be going outdoors. We recommend that your kitten be vaccinated at 12 and 16 weeks of age. Follow up boosters are given annually. Certain Feline Leukemia vaccines have been known to cause tumors at the site of the injection. However the risk of feline leukemia is much higher and should your cat get feline leukemia it will be fatal.

Rabies vaccine is given at 16 weeks of age. This vaccine (Purevax with no adjuvant) is boosted annually. The first vaccine may take up to 28 days to take effect, so we recommend that you keep your kitten isolated from wildlife and other animals until after this time.

A fecal examination will determine if your kitten has any intestinal parasites. Some intestinal parasites have been known to be transmitted to people leading to serious health concerns. We can help by identifying which type of parasite your pet may have and prescribing the appropriate dewormer. Remember to wear gloves and immediately dispose of feces.

We highly recommend getting your cat neutered usually around 6 months of age. This will allow your pet to grow with the influence of his or her hormones, but hopefully not develop those bad behavioral problems that can occur if a pet remains intact. Due to the huge numbers of animals euthanized at shelters, we recommend neutering to aid in avoiding unwanted pregnancies.

The California Practice Act requires that we have a **Veterinary-Client-Patient** relationship that does not exceed 1 year. Therefore we recommend an annual well-pet exam to optimize your cat's health. To renew any necessary prescriptions, your cat must have a current examination that does not exceed 1 year regardless of the medication prescribed.

Cats can get heartworm disease. Please discuss this with your veterinarian to see if your cat is at risk, and what you can do.

We do have kitten packages that may save you money in the long run. Please ask one of our staff members to see if your kitten will benefit. All above services have a fee associated, therefore if you have any questions or concerns please ask our staff.

Have fun with your new companion!