

Park Veterinary Centre

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Kitten Information Sheet

Vaccinations

Kitten vaccinations can be started from 9 weeks of age with 2 injections 3-4 weeks apart. Your kitten will be fully protected 2 weeks after the 2nd vaccination has been given. We recommend vaccinating routinely against feline Calicivirus, Herpes virus and Panleucopaenia for all kittens. It is recommended kittens that will be outdoor cats are also vaccinated against Feline Leukaemia.

Worming

Kittens should be wormed every 2 weeks until 12 weeks old and then monthly until 6 months old, then 3 monthly in adult life. We recommend an initial course of panacur – a 3day course of oral liquid/paste and then moving on to a tablet or spot-on monthly/every 3 months.

Fleas (and ticks)

The only way to prevent a flea infestation is to use preventative treatment regularly. Outdoor cats should be treated for fleas regularly, whereas flea control is less important for indoor cats. For a persistent flea problem we recommend treating all animals in the household and addition environmental control. 5% of fleas are on the pet and 95% of the problem is within the environment. There are spot-ons that last 12 weeks and tablets available. Many of the products available now also cover for ticks.

Neutering

Can be done in male and female cats from 4 to 5 months old / once they have reached 2kg in body weight. It is recommended both sexes should be kept as indoor cats until neutered. Females can get pregnant even when very small. Males have more inclination to stray and due to their small size may be attacked by larger tom cats in the area.

Microchipping

Microchipping is the best way for your cat to be returned to you if it goes missing. It involves the implantation of a small electronic chip under the skin between the shoulder blades. The best time to implant is under anaesthetic at neutering. The microchip is also done at a reduced cost under anaesthetic. If your cat is has already been neutered then we can do microchipping in a nurses clinic appointment. It is important to make sure you keep your details up to date with the microchip company.

Insurance

We strongly recommend pet insurance. Many companies offer this service but due to FSA regulations we are not allowed to recommend particular ones. We advise you to read the small print carefully. Many conditions can require lifelong and/or costly treatment. Please see our Insurance information handout for more details on the different types of policy available.

Pet Health Club

To enable our clients to save money and spread the cost of routine treatment we have designed our own practice membership scheme - the Park Vets' Pet Health Club. You can make savings on the annual costs of what we call 'preventative maintenance' - all the things that are essential to keep your pet in tip-top condition. Additionally, we will reward your loyalty with exclusive Pet Health Club discounts - see a receptionist or nurse for details of all the benefits.

We cannot emphasise enough how important it is to provide routine veterinary care and joining the Pet Health Club will help you do so for an affordable fixed monthly cost. Please note however that it is not a substitute for insurance.

The main benefits for young dogs include:

- 10% discount on kitten vaccination course
- Annual vaccination booster and full clinical examination each year.
- Flea and Lungworm treatment to cover 12 months
- Worming treatment for 12 months on a 3 monthly regime
- FREE nurse consult (6 months after booster)

Extra benefits:

- 10% off neutering
- 10 % off microchipping
- 10 % off dentals
- 5 % off rabies vaccination
- 10% off any additional parasite control
- 15% off RCW and Hills diets including prescription diet
- Insurance forms completed free of charge
- After 4 months on scheme – 10% off long term medication

Ask for an application form at reception - all you need to remember is your bank details for the direct debit and we can get up and running on the day.

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Park Veterinary Centre provides veterinary services on its standard terms and conditions of business. A copy is available at the surgery or will be sent to you on request.