

# **LAKEWAY ANIMAL HOSPITAL, P.C.**

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## **Medical Care of Kittens:**

The following schedule is our recommendation of routine preventative medical care for healthy kittens. We will advise you if there are changes necessary for your kitten.

1. 6 weeks

Kittens are weaned at this age and should receive a general physical exam, a fecal check for parasites (most kittens have intestinal worms), deworming, testing for Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (**FeLV/FIV**), and the initial immunizations: Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus/Chlamydia, and Panleukopenia (**FVRCP**). We will also discuss feeding, litter box training, general care, and parasite and flea prevention at this time. Feel free to ask any questions you may have at any time.

1. 9 weeks

This second visit includes immunizations for Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus/Chlamydia, and Panleukopenia (**FVRCP**) as well as the first immunization against Feline Leukemia (**FeLV**). This vaccine is especially recommended for those kittens that will be predominantly outdoor pets. A second deworming is done for all kittens. We will also perform a general physical exam and reweigh your kitten.

2. 12 weeks

The third visit includes the final boosters for Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus/Chlamydia, and Panleukopenia (**FVRCP**) and Feline Leukemia (**FeLV**). Depending on the weight of your kitten, we may also administer the Rabies vaccination. If your kitten is still very small, we may choose you administer the Rabies vaccine at 16 weeks, or even wait until he/she returns to be neutered/spayed. We will again perform a general physical exam, deworming, and reweigh your kitten.

3. If your kitten is older than 6 weeks when he/she starts their immunizations, we will adjust this schedule to fit his/her needs..

## **Spaying or Neutering**

Unless you are planning on breeding your cat, we recommend spaying or neutering at five to six months of age. Spaying or neutering will prevent unwanted litters of kittens, make your cat a better pet by reducing fighting and roaming instincts, reduce inappropriate elimination and marking behaviors, and greatly reduce the chances of mammary or testicular tumors.

## **Annual Visit**

We recommend that annually your cat receive a thorough physical exam, be immunized for Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus/Chlamydia, and Panleukopenia (FVRCP), Feline Leukemia (FeLV), and Rabies, and have a fecal exam. We will send you a reminder when your pet is due for an annual visit.

We offer several different options of monthly flea and tick prevention which we will discuss with you to determine which is best suited for your cats needs.