

# Dixie Animal Hospital

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## FELINE VACCINATION INFORMATION

VACCINE	DISEASE	IMMUNIZATION RECOMMENDATION	DATES
<b>FELINE DISTEMPER (PANLEUKOPENIA)**</b>	Is among the most widespread of all cat diseases, and is extremely contagious. Characterized by fever, loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhea. It is fatal, particularly in kittens.	All kittens should receive a minimum of 3 doses between the ages of 6-16 weeks administered at intervals of 2-4 weeks. The final dose should be administered at ~16 weeks of age. As an adult a booster should be given every year.	
<b>FELINE VIRAL RHINOTRACHEITIS (FVR)**</b>	Also a highly contagious respiratory disease, symptoms include sneezing, loss appetite, fever, and eye inflammation. As the disease progresses, a discharge is noticeable from both nose and eyes.		
<b>FELINE CALICIVIRUS**</b>	Another serious respiratory infection often occurring simultaneously with feline rhinotracheitis. Signs of infection are very similar, but calicivirus-infected cats may also have ulcers on the tongue.		
<b>RABIES**+</b>	Virus that affects the brain and spinal cord. Always results in death.	Initial vaccine should be given at ~16 weeks. As an adult a booster is given every year.	
<b>FELINE LEUKEMIA**</b>	A viral disease which can take several forms. Some cats are asymptomatic. Others have persistent infections which may be fatal over time. Extensive research has shown no relationship to human leukemia.	Initial kitten series should be started between 10-12 weeks of age and followed by 1 booster given 2-4 weeks later. As an adult a booster should be given every 12 months.	
<b>FELINE INFECTIOUS PERITONITIS</b>	FIP is a complex disease caused by feline infectious peritonitis virus. The most common symptom is accumulation of fluid in the abdomen.	Usually given at the veterinarian's recommendation and a booster should be given every year.	
** - Required for boarding. + - Required by law.			