



During your visits we will discuss.....

Your kitten's vaccine plan: *Generally*, if he or she is 6-8 wks. of age at this first visit, you can expect the pediatric vaccine series to be complete after 3 additional vaccine administrations. Kittens 9-11 wks. old at their first visit should have their vaccines boosted during 2 additional visits, while kittens 12 wks. or older at the beginning of their vaccine series must be boosted at least once after the first visit to be considered properly immunized. *Each of these appointments for vaccination should be scheduled at 3 week intervals.*

Remember, while most kitten vaccine schedules will follow the recommended protocol and include FVRCP, Feline Leukemia and Rabies vaccines given at the appropriate age, your veterinarian will be with you and your pet during every visit to cater his or her specific needs!

Revolution® is our product of choice for your kitten to prevent heartworm disease, kill adult fleas and prevent their eggs from hatching, and treat and control ear mites, roundworms and hookworms. **Revolution®** is an easy-to-use topical solution, and should be applied to your kitten once monthly after the age of 8 weeks, on a year-round basis.

Heartworm disease is spread by infected mosquitos, is potentially lethal in cats, and there is no approved treatment for the disease in our feline patients.

Fleas are not only a nuisance, but can also be hosts for tapeworms and other parasites. They are difficult to eradicate from a home once they are introduced!

While **ear mites** can be painful to your kitten and cause infections in the ears, **roundworm** and **hookworm** infections are *particularly* dangerous because they can be transmitted to *humans*; small children can become infected by playing in areas where animal feces is present. For this reason, additional deworming medication will be administered to your kitten during your first office visit, and a fecal sample will be tested for intestinal parasites.

Your kitten should be tested for **Feline Leukemia** during your first visit, if he or she has not already recently been tested. **Feline Leukemia** is a deadly viral disease that can be spread by saliva, nasal discharge, or even grooming between cats. Vaccination to help prevent this disease is recommended in all kittens, and *outdoor* cats should be vaccinated annually.