



Feline Leukemia disease. A contagious viral disease of cats, Feline Leukemia will be fatal to 50% of infected cats and kittens within 6 months of contracting the virus. The virus is spread by the bodily fluids of infected cats through common litter boxes, bite wounds, social grooming and shared food and water bowls. Kittens can be infected with Feline Leukemia from their mothers before they are born!

We recommend vaccination for your kitten to help protect him or her from Feline Leukemia. While your kitten may live exclusively indoors and have a very low risk of contracting the disease at the present time, *circumstances may change in the future*. You may decide to discontinue annual vaccination after the “kitten series” because he or she has remained indoors and at very low risk. But because the vaccine was administered as a series of two as a kitten, you can at any time reinstate use of the Feline Leukemia vaccine annually if your cat’s risk of exposure to the disease increases. He or she will be effectively immunized very quickly, and it will not be necessary to boost the Feline Leukemia vaccine three weeks later.

***Please alert us to any of your kitten’s changes in lifestyle; these can include boarding/grooming appointments, new pets in the household, escapes from indoors, etc!**

We strongly recommend vaccinating *any* outdoor kittens or cats for Feline Leukemia. The Purevax® Recombinant Leukemia Vaccine/ Vetjet® transdermal system is used here at Peachtree Hills Animal Hospital, and is widely considered the safest and most effective method of Feline Leukemia vaccination in the veterinary industry.

There are many factors to consider when choosing a diet for your kitten! These can include convenience, cost, quality, and even health conditions specific to your kitten. His or her diet should be food made *specifically for kittens* and readily accepted by *yours*! The diet should also be one that is easy to find and purchase and be of a reasonable level of quality. During each of your kitten visits at Peachtree Hills Animal Hospital, we will provide you with a feeding guide specifically tailored to your kitten and the specific diet that he or she is presently eating.