

Kitten Vaccination: Frequently Asked Questions

Which diseases has my Kitten been vaccinated against?

Your kitten has been vaccinated against:

- Feline panleucopaenia virus - enteritis
- Feline herpesvirus (rhinotracheitis) virus - flu
- Feline calicivirus - flu
- Feline leukaemia virus (highly recommended)



Now my kitten has had both vaccinations can he/she start to go outside?

We recommend that kittens are kept indoors until after they have been neutered (which is normally performed at 4-6 months old).

Onset of immunity to all of the diseases occurs approximately three weeks after the second vaccination.

Is vaccination 100% effective?

Whilst vaccination is seen to be a safe and effective method of preventing transmission of these diseases there is a very, very small chance your kitten's immune system may not respond adequately to the vaccination. This is **extremely rare** but if you are particularly concerned about this then please phone to discuss with one of our vets.

Adolescent Health Checks

Now that your kitten has had its second vaccination, we would like to introduce our *Adolescent Health checks*.

We know that it can be a bit daunting, especially if this is the first pet that you have owned, as there is a lot of information that you need to know. If you have already owned a pet, then the checks are a great opportunity to revisit all of the things that you are already familiar with.



The Adolescent Health checks are carried out at 4 and 6 months of age by our clinic nurses. The visit is a free check up and will run through:

1. Diet - It is important at this stage of life, getting the right information now will make sure your kitten is getting the right nutrition and help prevent problems in the future.
2. Flea and Worm Treatments – When and what to use.
3. Neutering – Why this is important.
4. Dental Care – Advice on brushing teeth and oral hygiene.
5. Micro-chipping – Why it is a good idea to have this done.
6. Insurance – Advice.
7. General advice on regularly checking claws, coat, ears etc.
8. Anything else that you may want to know.

These checks will get your kitten used to coming into the practice. This will make future visits more enjoyable as a relationship has already been established.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

Bicester Vets Nurses