



TREATMENT SCHEDULE

* Start at the month of your kitten's first vaccination *

MTH	VACC		INT WORMING		FLEA PREV	
	Due	Given	Due	Given	Due	Given
Jan 20__						
Feb 20__						
Mar 20__						
Apr 20__						
May 20__						
Jun 20__						
Jul 20__						
Aug 20__						

MTH	VACC		INT WORMING		FLEA PREV	
	Due	Given	Due	Given	Due	Given
Sept 20__						
Oct 20__						
Nov 20__						
Dec 20__						
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And so on



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KITTEN Booklet

For

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(Kitten's name)

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Congratulations on the new addition to your family!!

There is quite a lot to remember when it comes to ensuring optimum health for your kitten, and as always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact the Practice.

There are 5 main health areas to focus on—see the back page for a complete schedule to personalise for your kitten.

As a summary:

- **Vaccinations** – three (3), best given at 6, 10 and 14 wks
- **Intestinal (stomach) worming** – given fortnightly until 12wks, then monthly until 6mths, then every 3 months
- **Flea prevention** – given monthly, various forms available
- **Diet** – important for healthy growth and development
- **Desexing** – recommended at 4-6mths of age



VACCINATIONS



Vaccination is essential to protect your kitten against several of the most serious infectious diseases.

Your kitten needs three vaccinations, to ensure they have the best immunity, then annual boosters.

- **Indoor only** cats need an **F3** vaccine (see explanation below), whereas cats that will be spending time *outside* should also be vaccinated against **FIV** (Feline AIDS), which can be contracted from outdoor cats.
- **F4** vaccination and FIV is also available for multi-cat households.

Some kittens may be a little lethargic and tender at the injection site after the 2nd and 3rd vaccination. They should be back to normal within a few days, however if you are concerned, always contact the Practice.

Vacc	Where spend most time	Age	Name	What it covers
1st	Indoor only	6 - 8 weeks	F3	Feline enteritis virus, Feline rhinotracheitis virus and Feline calicivirus
	Indoor + Outdoor		F3 + FIV	F3 + Feline immunodeficiency virus (Feline AIDS)
2nd	Indoor only	10 - 12 weeks (no earlier than 10)	F3	As for F3
	Indoor + Outdoor		F3 + FIV	As for FIV
3rd	Indoor only	13 - 16 weeks (or 3 weeks from last vacc)	F3	As for F3
	Indoor + Outdoor		F3 + FIV	As for FIV

INTESTINAL WORMING



Intestinal worms are parasites that infect cats and are passed from animal to animal (including humans) via the faecal-oral route (often via dirt and outside activities).

Young kittens can become seriously ill as a result of heavy infestations. They will also need to be continually wormed for the rest of their life.

Worming your kitten is as simple as giving them a tablet or a spot-on. The dose is weight-dependent, so make sure you weigh your pet prior to worming. The product you buy should cover three types of worms: *roundworm, hookworm, and tapeworm*.

Fenpral, Revolution and Profender are used at *Caring Vets* as they are economical and of a high quality.

- * FENPRAL - tablet
- * REVOLUTION - spot on (also prevents fleas)
- * PROFENDER - spot-on

The following age schedule should be followed to ensure your kitten is free from worm infestations:

AGE	FREQUENCY
2 weeks - to- 12 weeks	every two (2) weeks
12 weeks old - to- 6 months	every month
6 months - to - rest of life	every three (3) months



FLEAS

Fleas can cause itching, over-grooming, chewing and licking. You might see fleas on your cat or you might see small dark flecks (flea "dirt") in the fur and on the skin.

There are a three very effective products:

- Frontline,
- Advantage, and
- Revolution (Revolution also covers worming)



DIET



It is important that whilst your kitten is growing rapidly, they have a balanced diet:

- A good quality kitten dry food is recommended as it provides all the nutrients they require, helps to work off plaque on teeth and keeps stools firm.
- Make sure your kitten always has access to clean water.
- Make sure your kitten always has fresh kitty litter available



DESEXING



Breeding is a very responsible job as there are many considerations when planning a litter and numerous complications can arise. For pet cats, desexing is often a sensible option and can help prevent cat fight abscess, testosterone related aggression and urine marking behaviours, and roaming.

For both male and females cats, desexing is recommended at 4-6 months of age. At *Caring Vets*, we offer a 15% discount if desexing is carried out before your pet is 6 months old. Our price includes a general anaesthetic using human quality agents, pain relief, antibiotics, and stitch removal.