



The Gainesville Animal Hospitals
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Gainesville, FL
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Kittens need vaccines every 3 weeks until they are at least 4 months old.
Your kitten's vaccination schedule is as follows:

Heartworm disease is a **deadly** parasitic disease transmitted by mosquitoes. Though commonly believed to mostly affect dogs, emerging research has demonstrated cats are quite susceptible. There are noted differences in the development of the infection with the most common symptom in cats affecting the respiratory system. Heartworm disease in cats is 100% preventable by giving a monthly dose of heartworm prevention. Today you will be receiving a free dose of Revolution, our #1 recommendation for feline heartworm prevention. Revolution not only prevents heartworm disease, but will also protect against fleas, roundworm and hookworm infestations, and helping to control ear mites. Unfortunately, unlike with dogs, there is no treatment for heartworm infected cats; therefore it is imperative that they be on a preventative once monthly for the rest of their lives.

We recommend Science Diet Kitten until your pet's growth stops. Kitten food should be fed until 9-12 months. When you are ready to switch your pet from Science Diet Kitten food to Science Diet Adult formula food, slowly mix their old food with incrementally increasing amounts of the new food. Do this over a 5-7 day period in order to transition your kitten smoothly and prevent stomach upset. Gradually mixing cat foods is important any time you change your pet's diet.

We recommend spaying or neutering your kitten between four and six months of age. Please ask for an estimate of the procedure when calling to schedule this (that can be made anytime Monday through Friday).

A microchip is a permanent form of identification that can help your puppy be returned to you if lost. This can be done today. The cost is \$52.69 for the microchip implantation. If it is done at the time of Spaying or Neutering the cost is \$40.99.

You will be receiving reminders from our office as vaccines and tests are due. Please notify us of any address or telephone number changes as they occur, so we can send the reminders to you. If your kitten will be strictly indoor, we recommend the fecal exam yearly. The first Rabies vaccine and FVRCP vaccine are effective for 1 year. Subsequent Rabies vaccines and FVRCP vaccines will be effective for 3 years. Rabies vaccination and tags are required by the county and can be acquired through us.

The doctors at Gainesville Animal Hospital recommend Feline Leukemia and Feline AIDS Tests for **all new kittens**, unless they have previously been tested. This is especially important if you live in a multi-cat household, as it is possible it can be transferred to your existing cats. Once a negative test has been confirmed and if your kitten/cat will go outdoors, then we recommend the Feline Leukemia (FeLV) vaccination. The first FeLV vaccine is effective for 1 year. Subsequent FeLV vaccines will be effective for 2 years.

Please visit our website at www.gainesvillevet.com where you can search for up to date information on many of your animal questions. Make sure we have your e-mail so you can sign up for your Pet Portal. Your Pet Portal gives you access to your pet's medical information anywhere you have internet service.

If you have an emergency, please call us immediately or after hours, please contact Affiliated Pet Emergency Clinic at (352) 373-4444. There is always an available veterinarian day or night. We look forward to caring for all your kitten's health care needs.

Thank you for choosing the Gainesville Animal Hospital.