## **West Central Veterinary Services**

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## **Feline Vaccination Protocol**

## Kitten Series

- FVRCP → This combination vaccine includes rhinotracheitis, calicivirus, and panleukopenia. The vaccine series is started at 7-8 weeks of age; series of 3 injections, 3-4 weeks apart
- **Rabies** → Given with the last FVRCP shot at 16 weeks of age
- FeLV (feline leukemia)→ Start at 12 weeks of age and give 2 injections, 3-4 weeks apart. At least 1 of these is recommended to all kittens regardless of indoor/outdoor status. It needs to be boostered and continued for at risk cats which include those that are outside only, both inside and outside, or in a household where one of the cats regularly goes in and out. If you are unsure whether your kitten will be indoor or outdoor, we recommend vaccinating. We also recommend testing prior to vaccinating because it is unnecessary to vaccinate a positive cat.

## **Adult Cats**

- FVRCP → This is a combination vaccine that includes rhinotracheitis, calicivirus, and panleukopenia. It is given annually until 2 years of age at which time your vet may recommend giving it every 3 years. Cats that are at high risk (lots of cats in household or the population of cats is constantly changing) should continue to receive it annually.
- **Rabies** → Give annually.
- FeLV (feline leukemia)→ Give annually (for the cats that are at risk for it)
- If you have an adult cat that has never had any shots or you don't know it's vaccine history, we will probably recommend a booster of the FVRCP and FeLV vaccines 3-4 weeks after the initial visit.

\*\*\*Please note that a doctor will assess your cat during your visit and adjustments to the preceding protocol may be made according to your pet's environment and health risks.