

Feline Viruses & Your Cat

There are several things that your veterinary team will cover during your kitten's appointment, including vaccination. Your veterinarian will design the best protocol for your pet. Below is a list of common diseases for which vaccines have been created.

Disease Name	What does it affect?	How is it spread?	Symptoms
Feline Distemper or Panleukopenia	• Intestinal tract • Bone marrow • Viral Disease	• Airborne • Contact with an infected animal or places where the infected animal has been	Diarrhea, vomiting, severe dehydration, fever and death
Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV)	• Weakens your cat's immune system • Similar in nature to HIV in humans • Viral Infection	• Present in bodily fluids- typically passed by direct biting • FIV positive kittens may be born of infected mothers	Swollen glands, fever, depression, loss of appetite, weight loss, mouth sores and recurrent infections
Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV)	• Inhibits the immune system • Results in various types of cancer and other chronic disease • Deadly infection • Viral Infection	• Present in bodily fluids- typically passed by direct contact through licking, biting and sneezing	Depression, fever, loss of appetite, anemia, swollen neck glands and recurring infections Can be infected for long period of time before showing symptoms
Rabies	• Infection of the central nervous system • Always fatal	• Through the bite of an infected animal • Humans can be affected	Two Phases: 1.Excitatory phase/furious rabies: restless, irritable, unprovoked biting 2.Paralytic phase/dumb rabies: paralysis, cramps, swallowing difficulties
Upper Respiratory Disease (Rhinitis, pneumonia and calicivirus)	• Respiratory • Viral disease	• Airborne	Flu-like symptoms, nasal and ocular discharges Ulcers in mouth, on tongue or in the throat

