

# Kitten vaccination, worming, flea and other treatment schedule

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## Our Recommendations

(Individual kittens may vary from this depending on previous vaccinations, worming and/or flea treatment. We issue every kitten with an individual health plan).

**As soon as you pick up your kitten:** (this ideally should be no earlier than 8 weeks old) Health check with nurse (free of charge). The younger you pick your kitten up, the more important this check up is. As a guide, kittens should gain about 100g/ week of life.

**8 weeks:** Health check by vet. Vaccination against Flu and enteritis (Panleukopaenia). Worming and first flea treatment.

**10 weeks:** Worming again.

**12 weeks:** 2nd vaccination against Flu and enteritis, and if your kitten will be an outdoor cat, first vaccination against Feline Leukaemia Virus (FeLV). 2nd flea treatment and repeat worming.

**16 weeks:** Final health check and kitten vaccination for flu and enteritis (all cats) and vaccination for FeLV (for cats intending to go outdoors). 3rd flea treatment which should be continued on a monthly basis. Worming should be continued on a monthly basis until 6 months of age. Book in for neutering at this visit.

**4 months:** Experts now recommend spaying or castration for all cats at 4 months of age or sooner. We recommend that all kittens are tested for FeLV and FIV with a simple blood test at the time of neutering. We also recommend microchipping at this time, especially for cats who will be going outdoors.

**5-6 months:** Your kitten may now be old enough to venture outdoors. From 6 months of age, kittens should be wormed every 3 months, or monthly if they hunt.

**1 year and 3-4 months (1 year after previous booster):** Health check and first year vaccination booster for Flu, enteritis and FeLV. Your cat should still be on monthly flea treatment and wormed regularly depending on lifestyle.

### Costs of Health Treatments

Vaccination course (3 kitten vaccines, Flu and enteritis): £99

Vaccination course (3 kitten vaccines + FeLV course): £158

FeLV course only: £82

Cost of Prescription Flea Treatment 4 pack: £24.40-£25.79

Cost of Milbemax tablet:

- kitten/small cat (<2kg) £3.71

- large cat (up to 8kg) £ 8.15 (can be halved for cats <4kg)

Microchipping: £33

Optional application of local anaesthetic cream before microchip: £10.50

Cost of yearly booster (Flu or Flu/ enteritis) and health check: £65, or £95 including FeLV.

Castration: £74-£84

Spay: £110-£130 (+ surcharge if on heat or pregnant).

FeLV/FIV test: £66.00

### Consultation Costs:

Normal consultation (on average, 20 minutes) £46

Short consultation (eg. for rechecks) under 10 minutes £30

Nurse consultation £18

Treatments and additional tests are extra. These are too extensive for an additional price list.

Prescription fee: £10.20

### The Pet Passport Scheme

The *pet passport* scheme is an entry scheme for pets travelling into Britain enabling them to avoid quarantine. It also allows pets to travel to other European countries only 3 weeks after a

Rabies vaccination. After recent changes, it is now much easier to travel with your cat. Please ask us about the scheme.

### The ICC Well Cat for Life Initiative

International Cat Care has designed a programme designed to keep cats healthy for life. For more information, see [www.icatcare.org](http://www.icatcare.org). Among their recommendations are yearly blood pressure and urine checks for cats from 7 years of age, and twice yearly check ups and yearly blood tests from 11 years of age. We think that this is an excellent initiative which will pick up health issues early so that we can help older cats be happier and healthier.

### Other Health Recommendations:

- We recommend you clean your kitten's teeth daily. If started as a kitten, it is generally accepted well and they really like the taste of the fish flavoured toothpaste! Tooth brushing should be stopped temporarily whilst your kitten is teething and started again about 2 months later.
- A water fountain will encourage your cat to drink. Most cats love water this way, especially if introduced when a kitten. Increased water consumption will protect your kitten's kidneys and urinary tract.
- You should ideally have one litter tray for each cat and another (i.e. 2 for 1 cat, 3 for 2 cats etc).
- Keep your cat's food away from its water and don't feed your cats next to each other.

- Provide plenty of opportunities for your cat to play and to hide, as this will help reduce stress. Cat trees are highly recommended for this purpose.
- If you have a particularly nervous cat, Feliway will often help to calm their nerves. This can be bought as a diffuser or a spray.
- Leave the cat carrier out in a space accessible to your cat all the time, and encourage your cat to use it to sleep in (a soft cushion or mattress in the bottom should help). Your cat will enjoy travelling and going to the vet so much more, and won't hide when you take out the carrier.
- Cats are obligate carnivores which means that they must eat meat. A good quality kitten or cat food is best. We recommend a combination of wet and dry food.

- Don't ever use dog flea treatments on cats- some of these contain substances which can be fatal to cats.

