

PET HEALTH CENTER FELINE VACCINE PROTOCOL

FELINE CORE VACCINATIONS

I.) FVRCP: Feline panleukopenia, rhinotracheitis, calicivirus

A. Product Options

1. Heska - **Ultranasal**- Trivalent Modified Live IN

Site: Divide the dose between nostrils. Do not use if showing upper respiratory symptoms/pregnant /immunocompromised.

2. Pfizer - *Felocell 3* - Modified Live Injectable

Site: Administer SQ right lateral elbow. Do not use if pregnant/immunocompromised

4. Fort Dodge - *Fel-O-Vax PCT* - Killed vaccine

Site: Administer SQ right lateral elbow.

B. Protocol

- A. Begin as early as 6 weeks of age

- B. Repeat every 3-4 weeks until ≥ 16 weeks of age

- C. Cats > 16 weeks of age receiving their first dose should be boosted 3-4 weeks later.

- D. Re-vaccination. Administer 1 year later, then every 3 years. Some boarding/grooming facilities require annual vaccinations.

II.) Rabies (only authorized faculty can administer rabies)

- A. Product: Merial - *Purevax*-canary-pox vectored options: 1 year and 3 year labeled vaccines

Site: Administer SQ low on right hind leg (Below lateral stifle)

B. Protocol

1. Kittens must be 12 weeks of age or older.

2. Re-vaccination: Administer annually or tri-annually based on product and previous rabies vaccine history.

- C. Re-vaccination: Administer 1 year later, then every 3 years (Manhattan). Each city/county in Kansas establishes its own ordinance regarding re-vaccination intervals.

FELINE NON CORE VACCINATIONS (ADMINISTERED ON AN AT-RISK BASIS)

1. Feline Leukemia

A. Product: Merial - *Purevax*- recombinant
Site: Administer SQ, low left hind leg.

B. Testing: Feline leukemia test is highly recommended prior to vaccination but is not required.

C. Protocol: Must be at least 8 weeks of age. Booster required 3-4 weeks after initial vaccine

* It is highly recommended that all kittens be vaccinated against FELV.

D. Re-vaccination: Administer annually to high risk cats and every 2 years to low-moderate risk cats.

2. Other (Chlamydia, FIV, Bordetella, FIP, and Virulent Systemic Calici Virus) are not routinely given at this time. Exceptions made by clinician following consultation with client regarding individual patient risk.

FELINE PARASITE CONTROL Found in the Pet Health Center

1. Intestinal parasites (roundworms and hookworms)

A. Product options:

I. Nemex, Strongid-T - *Pyrantel pamoate* - 10 mg/kg body weight by mouth.

i. suspension 50 mg / ml

II. Pfizer - *Revolution*. Topical - use appropriate size

III. Drontal. Oral tablets - see package for dosing. Tapeworms also

B. Protocol: Deworm at least twice 3 weeks apart during kitten series.

C. Check at least 2 fecals during kitten series. CAPC recommends that kittens have at least 4 fecal evaluations during their first year.

D. Semiannual fecal testing is recommended for adults.

2. External parasites

A. Product options:

I. Merial – *Frontline Plus*. Topical

II. Pfizer - *Revolution*. Topical - use appropriate size

III. Novartis - *Capstar* (fleas only)

B. Protocol: Apply complimentary samples to pet during kitten series visits.

C. Dose: See product handout package inserts for more information (age, weight, etc.).

3. Heartworm Prevention

A. Product options:

I. Pfizer - Revolution – Topical-Use appropriate size

B. It is recommended that all cats > 4 months of age be tested (Ab test) before starting preventive, however, it is not mandatory.

4. Other Parasite Control Products Carried in the Dispensary

A. Advantage Multi

B. Seresto collar

FELINE VIRAL TESTING

1. Product: Feline leukemia virus (Antigen test) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (Antibody)

2. Protocol: Recommended for all kittens, new cats, and at-risk adult cats. Indoor/outdoor and other high risk cats should be tested yearly.

3. Test: SNAP Feline: FeLV / FIV Idexx-In House.

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