

Vaccinating Your Cat

We are able to vaccinate cats against several highly contagious and potentially fatal diseases. The diseases we mainly vaccinate against are Flu (Feline Herpes and Calicivirus), Enteritis (Feline Panleucopaenia) and Leukaemia virus.

Feline Panleucopaenia - Young cats are particularly at risk from this disease, symptoms include severe vomiting and diarrhoea.

Cat Flu - This viral infection can be carried for life, the cat may be healthy or have recurrent flu symptoms. It is rarely fatal though there is a greater risk in young and old cats.

Feline Leukaemia (FeLV) - this is an important disease to vaccinate against. The virus is spread through bodily fluids, so can be spread by fighting, grooming, mating and feeding. If a cat becomes infected it will develop life-threatening disease which is almost always fatal.

Other Vaccinations

Rabies - Vaccination is part of the PETs travel scheme if you want to take your cat abroad.

Chlamydia - This bacteria causes severe conjunctivitis, flu like symptoms and can cause infertility. Cats from large breeding colonies are often vaccinated against this.

Vaccination Programme

Cats need an initial course of two vaccination three weeks apart. Ideally you should vaccinate your cat as a kitten at nine and twelve weeks of age, but it can be done at any age. Both cats and kittens should not mix with unvaccinated cats until 10 days after their second vaccination, to allow full immunity to develop.

Following initial vaccinations your cat will need a yearly booster to keep immunity levels effective. If your cat goes significantly over twelve months without a booster, they will have to restart their initial course. Bringing your cat in for yearly boosters enables the vet to give them a health check, and any potential problems can be detected.

We recommend that you vaccinate your cat against Flu, Enteritis and Leukaemia.

If you would like to make an appointment or require further information please contact us at Brayton 01757 705562 or Sherburn-in-Elmet 01977 684952.