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**Feline Health Care Standards and Recommendations**

**Kitten Stage: Birth to First Year**

* **Vaccines:**

**Feline Upper Respiratory Viruses “FVRCP”:** Boosters required every 3 weeks; Starting at 8 weeks up to 16 weeks. Repeat 1 year later.

**Rabies:** Given at 16 weeks. Repeat 1 year later.

**Feline Leukemia “FeLV”:** Two boosters before 16 weeks. Repeat annually.

* **Intestinal Parasite Prevention & Control** (Deworming)**:** 2 to 4 doses of an appropriate dewormer before 16 weeks. Repeat annually.
* **Fecal Examinations**: Two stool samples checked before 16 weeks.
* **Flea & Tick Control:** Repeat monthly after 9 weeks.

Preferred Products: Frontline Plus, Advantage Multi, and Revolution Topical. Ask any Four Paws Health Care team member what flea products deserve caution.

* **Heartworm Prevention:** Topical prevention given monthly after 9 weeks.
* **Spaying or Neutering:** Generally at 6 months of age. All females should be spayed prior to first heat.
* **Blood Screening**: Feline Leukemia (FeLV) & FIV test before 16 weeks. Pre-surgical blood work at time of spay or neuter.

**Adult/Mature: 1st year and Beyond:**

* **Vaccines:**

**Feline Upper Respiratory Viruses “FVRCP”:** Booster required every 3rd year.

**Rabies:** Booster every 3rd year.

**Feline Leukemia “FeLV”:** Boosted annually.

* **Intestinal Parasite Prevention & Control** (Deworming)**:** Dewormed annually.
* **Fecal Examinations:** Performed every 6-12 months.
* **Flea & Tick Control:** Monthly for life.

Preferred Products: Frontline Plus, Advantage Multi, and Revolution Topical.

* **Heartworm Prevention:** Oral or topical prevention applied monthly for life; Annual testing to confirm effectiveness.

Preferred Products: Revolution, Advantage Multi.

* **Urinalysis, Blood and Blood Pressure Screening:** Every 1 to 3 years. More frequently if medically necessary.

**Senior years: 8 years and Beyond:**

* **Urinalysis, Blood, and Blood Pressure Screening:** Every 6 to 12 months. More frequently if medically necessary.
* **X-Rays/Ultrasound Screening:** Whole body imaging after 10 years of age.