

# New Kitten Recommendations!

The following is a brief synopsis of what Veterinary Associates of Cape Cod recommends for your new cat or kitten so they may live a long, happy and healthy life with you!

#### Vaccine Recomendations

Our hospital recommends regular vaccinations as the easiest way to prevent disease and to ensure that your pet is equipped to fend off parasites, infections and other risk factors. Our core vaccines include Feline Distemper series, Feline Leukemia for cats regularly exposed to other cats or go out doors, along with rabies vaccination series. At your pet's fist visit we would also want to check a fecal sample for any intestinal parasite infections



## Below is an example of the vaccine schedule that we aim to follow:

Distemper Vaccines:

8 weeks of age

12 weeks of age

16 weeks of age

1 year later, and then every three years

Rabies Vaccines:

1 dose at 16 weeks of age Every three years after that

Feline Leukemia:

8 weeks

12 weeks

1 year later

Annually after that only if indicated based on risk



Once your kitten is up to date on vaccines, we recommend yearly annual wellness visits.

We also advise testing fecal samples yearly to stay on top of parasites.

Although most cats are indoor cats, we recommend year round flea/tick prevention as well as heartworm prevention.





### When to Spay/Neuter your cat:

We recommend spaying or neutering your cat at 6 months of age. At this time we also recommend microchipping your cat. A microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and goes under the skin between the shoulder blades. If your cat is ever lost and picked up by animal control, your information will be linked to the microchip and you can easily be reunited with your cat!



## Top 10 Toxins to Dogs

- 1. Lillie's / other house plants
- 2. Household Cleaners
- 3. Topical Canine flea and tick prevention
- 4. Antidepressants
- 5. NSAIDS
- 6. Prescription ADD/ADHD medications
- 7. OTC Cough / Cold / Allergy medications
- 8. Rodenticide / household insecticide
- 9. Glow sticks / Glow jewelry
- 10. Chocolate

## What to do if your pet ingests a toxin?

If you know, or suspect your pet has consumed or been in contact with a toxin, please contact VACC right away!

508-394-3566

You may also be instructed to call the ASPCA Pet Poison Hotline (888) 426-4435



## Pet Insurance

Why you should invest before you need it....



#### WHY?

Dogs and cats are our best friends, but they can often have expensive medical bills. Pet care can become expensive quickly when dealing with an unexpected accident or illness. Pet insurance can help alleviate a large part of your out-of-pocket expense. Most insurance companies will not cover pre-existing conditions so you should get insurance for your pet while they are young and healthy



## **Pet** Insurance



### **But what Company?**

We understand that insurance is not a "one size fits all" we have listened to our clients and compiled a list of recommended companies based off of the things our clients tell us. We do not endorse a specific company, it is our true belief that you must find what is right for you. Have trouble finding the right company? Visit "Petinsurer" they will compile a list of companies and show you what each covers and how much they cost.

> Scan below to visit PetInsurer





#### Companies to look at

- Trupanion
- Embrace
- Nationwide
- Pumpkin
- Lemonade
- Healthy Paws



Veterinary Associates of Cape Cod is excited to watch your kitten grow over the next several years.

We will be here for you and your new family member, providing state-of-the-art care and letting your pet experience the benefits of our emotional support program!

If at any time your pet is nervous for their vet appointments, please call us and we can give you one of our many tips on how to ease their worry while they are with us!

Because at VACC, your pet is family!





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