

# Henlow Veterinary Hospital

## VACCINES FOR CATS

Which vaccines we recommend for CATS.

Vaccinations are very important to prevent very serious and sometimes fatal diseases in our pets.

We follow WSAVA and BSAVA guidelines to make sure that we use optimum protocols to safeguard your pets.

[Click here to view the BSAVA Vaccine guidelines.](#)  
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### Feline Infectious Enteritis (Panleukopenia)

This is an extremely contagious and hardy virus that affects the digestive system. It is spread through urine, faeces and nasal secretions, either in the environment or on clothes and shoes. It causes immune suppression, vomiting, diarrhoea and death.

#### Feline Leukaemia (FeLV)

This is a lifelong viral infection that, because of immunosuppression, inevitably produces a fatal illness in the infected cat. It is not an airborne disease and can only be passed on via direct contact between cats, usually by saliva or bites.

Many infected cats go onto develop tumours, and sadly survive only 3-4 years after diagnosis.

### Cats are **VACCINATED** Against:

Feline Rhinotracheitis Virus and Feline Calicivirus Infections Feline Panleukopenia Virus (RCP) and Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV)

#### Feline Calicivirus and Feline Herpesvirus

(Rhinotracheitis) are common respiratory diseases often referred to as cat flu, and are highly contagious. The viruses attack the lungs and nasal passages and are spread through direct contact with an infected cat. Whilst symptomatic and supportive treatment can be given, these diseases can swiftly become severe and life threatening. Eyes are commonly affected. Ulcers form leading to long term eye complications, causing pain, vision impairment and possible enucleation (removal). Cat flu can make more vulnerable cats, such as young kittens and elderly cats, seriously ill.

### Our Vaccine **PROTOCOL** for CATS

- 1st visit from 9 weeks of age: 1st vaccination RCP + FELV
- 2nd vaccination: 3-4 weeks later, no sooner than 12 weeks of age
- Boosters are then required annually

For more information [click here for the ISFM website.](#)

