

**Port Veterinary Clinic
Risks and Benefits of Vaccinations**

Thank you for vaccinating your pet. Vaccinations are important for pets to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Please read the following risks and benefits of vaccinations and ask the veterinarian any questions you may have.

Feline

Vaccination	Risks and Benefits of Vaccination
Rabies	Prevents your pet from contracting Rabies, which is often contracted from wild animals such as skunks or bats. Another benefit is that state law requires this vaccination. Your pet may have a bump at the injection site.
Feline Panleukopenia Virus (Feline Distemper)	Prevents a usually fatal viral disease causing vomiting, diarrhea, nervous and respiratory signs.
Feline Calicivirus /Herpesvirus	Without this vaccination your pet may become infected with “calici” or other respiratory infections and pass them onto other cats in the household or any cat around them. This vaccination helps to prevent some respiratory infections.
Feline Leukemia Virus	This vaccination helps to avoid the chances of your pet contracting Feline Leukemia (FeLV). The Feline Leukemia disease is a lifelong disease and is contracted through cats infected with the virus through bite wounds or through mother cats to their kittens.

Veterinarian’s Recommendations:

Rabies: When 4-6 months of age, then a booster in 1 year. The second vaccination will be current for 3 years.

If your cat does not go outside or is not in contact with bats or other animals which may carry rabies, a rabies vaccination may not be necessary for your cat.

FVRCP (Feline Distemper Combo): Kittens should receive this vaccination at 8,12, and 16 weeks. Then they should be vaccinated every year, every 2 years, or every 3 years depending on the age and the lifestyle of the cat in question.

Feline Leukemia (FeLV): This vaccination is a good idea for cats who do go outside. This vaccination should be preformed yearly.

General:

With any vaccination, your pet can feel lethargic for up to 24 hours after the vaccination. Also your pet may have a bump at the injection site for up to 4 weeks. Both the lethargy and the bump are normal. If your pet is lethargic or swelling occurs anywhere on your pet please use the following dosage to alleviate symptoms.

Weight	Aspirin	Benadryl
0-25 pounds	1 Baby aspirin (81mg)	10mg

You can give this dosage to your pet ONE time. If symptoms persist please seek medical attention.

Sometimes your pet can have an immediate anaphylaxis reaction to the vaccination at which they will immediately collapse. Dr. Dittmar is prepared for this occurrence with epinephrine, although she has never had a cat have such a response in over 20 years. Rarely, your pet may also develop a tumor called a sarcoma at the vaccination site several weeks, months, or even longer following a vaccination. If your animal does have a slight difficulty with the vaccination, please call us at the office 262.284.7103 during office hours (M-F 8-5 closed between 12:15-1:15pm, and Sat 9-noon) and let a receptionist know so we can note the reaction in your pet's file.

Although you have not received a form such as this before getting your pet vaccinated, we guarantee you the vaccination(s) have not changed since last year, the law has. We now need to share with you all the risks and benefits of the vaccinations we offer at Port Veterinary Clinic.

Again, thank you for vaccinating your pet; it is a vital part of their health care.

I, _____ (Owner's Name) have read and understand the risks and benefits of vaccinations for my pet(s) _____ (Pets Name).

Signature _____ Date _____

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