

Kitten Vaccine Schedule

Kittens get a series of shots because their mother’s antibodies block vaccines unpredictably. **Under the 2020 AAHA/AAFP guidelines, core shots start at 6 weeks or older and repeat every 3–4 weeks until 16–20 weeks, with a booster at 6 months.** Your vet sets the exact plan.

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KITTEN'S NAME

BIRTH DATE

VET

THE SCHEDULE (AAHA/AAFP 2020)

VACCINE	KITTEN SERIES	NEXT	AFTER THAT
FVRCP (panleukopenia, herpesvirus, calicivirus): every cat, indoor cats too	From 6 weeks, every 3–4 weeks until 16–20 weeks	Booster at 6 months	Every 3 years
Rabies: core	As the label and local law say; most not before 12 weeks	As the label says	Per label and law; a 3-year vaccine where allowed
FeLV (feline leukemia): core for cats under 1 year	Test first; 2 doses 3–4 weeks apart, from 8 weeks	Booster 12 months later	Yearly if at risk; low-risk cats every 2–3 years or as your vet advises

Panleukopenia virus can survive indoors for up to a year, which is why indoor cats need FVRCP too (Cornell). Some vets use a nose-drop herpes/calicivirus vaccine instead, started at 4–6 weeks and then given yearly.

MY KITTEN'S SHOTS

DATE	AGE (WEEKS)	VACCINE	NEXT DUE	VET / NOTES

AFTER EACH SHOT

Normal
Mild soreness, sleepiness or a low fever for a day or so; a small lump that shrinks within 14 days.

Emergency
Collapse, trouble breathing, hives, a swollen face, or repeated vomiting or diarrhea minutes to hours after the shot.

Call your vet
Mild signs lasting more than 24 hours, or a kitten under 6 weeks not eating for 12 hours.

Lumps: 3-2-1
Still there 3 months after the shot, bigger than 2 cm, or growing a month after: get it checked.

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Sources: 2020 AAHA/AAFP Feline Vaccination Guidelines; U.S. CDC (rabies, for veterinarians); Cornell Feline Health Center (panleukopenia; feline leukemia virus); VCA Animal Hospitals (reactions after vaccination). The FeLV vaccine isn't 100% protective, so testing still matters; your vet adjusts the plan to your kitten's risk.