

FELINE VACCINES

❖ FVRCP

- * **F** * Feline
- * **V** * Viral
- * **R** * Rhinotracheitis – An upper respiratory infection that is easily airborne, allowing spread of the disease even without contact of infected cats. Signs include sneezing, discharge from eyes, fever and depression.
- * **C** * Calici – A highly infectious airborne virus that spreads quickly among cats. This disease attacks the respiratory system symptoms include sneezing, discharge from the eyes, fever, depression, ulcers in the mouth and lack of appetite.
- * **P** * Panleukopenia – Also known as feline distemper. This highly contagious viral infection can be spread through contact with infected animals, through the air or even contact with places where infected animals have been. Symptoms are highly varied and include vomiting, diarrhea, weight loss, loss of appetite and dehydration.

- ❖ * **FELV** * Feline Leukemia Virus – Spread primarily from an infected mother to her kittens. However, the virus can also be passed when the saliva of an infected cat comes in contact with another cat. This virus attacks the immune system therefore symptoms are highly variable. Infected cats can look normal and still spread disease. There is no cure, but FELV can be prevented with vaccination.

- ❖ **Rabies** – This is an infection of the central nervous system that is always fatal. It is usually transmitted through the bite of an infected animal, but can be spread when the saliva of an infected animal comes in contact with broken skin. Rabies can be transmitted from an infected animal to humans, by the same routes.