

## ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF IVY SQUARE

### FELINE LIFE STAGE HEALTH CARE RECOMMENDATIONS

| LIFE STAGE                  | REGULAR HEALTH CARE  | SPECIAL PROCEDURES  |
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| <b>Kitten &lt; 6mos</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Full physical exam every 4 weeks until 16 weeks of age.</li> <li>◆ Felv/FIV test at first visit.</li> <li>◆ Repeat Felv and Ftlv test at 6 months of age.</li> <li>◆ Fecal parasite test. Deworm every 4 weeks until 16 weeks.</li> <li>◆ FVRCP at 8, 12, 16 weeks, or every 4 weeks until at least 16 weeks of age.</li> <li>◆ Rabies at 16 weeks</li> <li>◆ Felv vaccine at 12 and 16 weeks.</li> <li>◆ Heartworm prevention year round in all cats. Indoor cats are also at risk for heartworm disease.</li> <li>◆ Flea/tick control year round. Begin at 8 weeks of age.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spay/Neuter at 5-6 months of age.</li> <li>• Preanesthetic blood work.</li> <li>• Microchip with Home Again at time of spay or neuter, or earlier if desired.</li> <li>• Begin adult diet at 1 year of age. Feed a combination of recommended Canned and Dry diets.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Adult - 1 to 7 years</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Comprehensive physical examination yearly.</li> <li>◆ Purvax Rabies yearly.</li> <li>◆ FVRCP vaccine boosted after first year, then every three years. Feline Panleukopenia vaccine titer annually is optional during off years, using the validated test at KSU.</li> <li>◆ FeLV vaccine yearly if at risk of exposure (outdoors or exposure to FeLV unknown cats). If no risk of exposure boost FeLV 1 year from initial vaccines and discontinue immunization.</li> <li>◆ FeLV/FIV test yearly if outdoors or at risk of exposure.</li> <li>◆ Fecal test and purge deworming yearly.</li> <li>◆ Heartworm, flea/tick prevention year round.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Health Screen blood screen every year – CBC, Chemistry (Junior wellness blood test, heartworm test).</li> <li>• Dental cleaning as needed and dental health checks annually.</li> </ul>   |

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| <p><b>Senior: 8 years to 11 years</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Full physical exam every 6 months</li> <li>✓ Monitor weight changes, arthritis signs, changes in thirst, urination.</li> <li>✓ Discuss age related diet changes, e.g. senior diet.</li> <li>✓ Modify vaccine schedule appropriate for age and lifestyle.</li> <li>◆ Rabies yearly.</li> <li>◆ FVRCP every 3 years. Feline parvovirus (panleukopenia) titer annually is optional during off years, using the validated test at KSU.</li> <li>◆ Felv vaccine yearly if at risk of exposure.</li> <li>◆ FeLV/FIV test yearly if at risk of exposure.</li> <li>◆ Fecal Test and deworming yearly</li> <li>◆ Heartworm, flea/tick prevention year round.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Health Screen yearly (CBC, chemistry, electrolytes, thyroid, urinalysis)</li> <li>• Blood pressure measurement yearly is optional.</li> <li>• Screening thoracic and abdominal radiographs is optional.</li> <li>• Dental cleaning as needed.</li> <li>• Heartworm test yearly.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Golden years &gt;11 years</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Comprehensive physical exam every 6 months.</li> <li>✓ Monitor weight changes.</li> <li>✓ Discuss age related diet changes, e.g. senior diet.</li> <li>✓ Preventive dental care.</li> <li>◆ FeLV/FIV test yearly if outdoors or at risk.</li> <li>◆ Fecal Test and deworming yearly</li> <li>◆ Heartworm, flea/tick prevention year round.</li> <li>◆ FVRCP every 3 years.</li> <li>◆ FeLV vaccine every year if at risk of exposure.</li> <li>◆ Rabies yearly with Purvax.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Health Screen yearly (CBC, chemistry, electrolytes, thyroid, urinalysis).</li> <li>• Blood pressure measurement yearly is optional.</li> <li>• Thoracic and abdominal radiographs yearly are recommended.</li> <li>• Dental cleaning as needed.</li> <li>• Heartworm test yearly</li> </ul> |