



# East Suburban Animal Hospital

## Recommended Well Patient Plan

### Cats

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Congratulations on your new pet. Hopefully, your pet will have good health and provide you many years of companionship. We hope to be able to help you provide the best care and health possible to your new companion. The following are our guidelines to increase the chances you will have a healthy pet.

- The first visit should be as soon after you obtain the pet as possible.
- Bring information about previous health care, medications, diet, fecal tests, vaccinations [type and dates], previous owners or facility, environment, geographical areas they have been in and where you might take them. Also, bring questions you may have about your pet.
- Bring a stool specimen for examination for internal parasites.
- Cats should be tested for feline leukemia virus/FIV on the first visit. If they get outside or are exposed to other cats that go outside, they should be tested yearly for the first 3 years.
- All pets should have yearly examinations and twice yearly fecal examinations.
- The Center for Disease Control [CDC] and the Companion Animal Parasite Council [CAPC] recommend monthly internal parasite control for all pets whether indoors or outdoors. This is to protect humans as well as pets. Indoor pets can get parasites from rodents, insects, mosquitos and fleas. You can find more information here:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/animals.html>  
<https://www.capcvet.org/guidelines/>
- There are many flea, tick, and heartworm/intestinal parasite preventative medications. Discuss the best plan for your pet with the assistant and veterinarian.
- Nutrition should be discussed with the veterinarian or assistant. Diet and exercise are key to a long, healthy life.
  - For more information on Pet foods, go to our Facebook page and click on Notes.

### Vaccination protocol for cats

At each vaccination visit a Veterinarian will examine your new kitten. An exam is required before vaccination. We require this, because kittens grow very quickly and new problems can arise during the growth process.

- Ideally the first vaccination should be given by 8 weeks, but can be given between 6-10 weeks - feline panleukopenia, herpes virus, calicivirus, leukemia virus vaccination [all cats should have at least one leukemia virus vaccination because it is unknown at that time if they may get out.]
- 12-14 weeks- feline panleukopenia, herpes virus, calicivirus vaccination. Leukemia virus vaccination if they get outdoors. Repeat in 1 year and then every 3 years.
- After 12 weeks- rabies vaccination, repeat in 1 year and then every 3 years.
- If the cat gets outdoors or has contact with outdoor cats, the leukemia virus vaccination should be give yearly.

1<sup>st</sup> Vaccinations Given: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Given: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Vaccinations Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Vaccinations Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4<sup>th</sup> Vaccinations Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Heartworm/Intestinal Parasite Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Flea/Tick Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

## Other Procedures

Neutering can be done at any age after 6 weeks, however, we recommend:

- Female cats should be spayed at about 6 months of age. This is when the deciduous teeth should have all come out. If they have not, it is a good time to remove them so they do not have to have another anesthesia. Male cats should be neutered at the same age.
- The age at castration changes the body shape of male dogs and cats. Waiting longer allows them to get the male look, but, they may have undesirable behavior changes such as fighting, roaming and urinary marking. Neutering them after the bad behavior starts will still usually stop the behaviors.
- Dental disease is common. Preventive care should be started when you get the pet. Discuss what you should/can do with the veterinarian or assistant.

## Internet Information

The internet can be a source of good or bad information. We trust the following website for reliable information:

<http://www.veterinarypartner.com/>

Please check with us before you accept web information. We will be happy to share our opinion with you regarding information you collect.

Before you administer ANY over the counter medications, please check with us first. Some human medications can be very harmful to pets.

## Online Pharmacies

It's important to know that not all online Pet Pharmacies are the same. If you find a drug that has a price which is dramatically lower than other sources, it may not be a reputable pharmacy. Some of these pharmacies operate without a pharmacy license and its drugs may not be from a legal source. Any guarantee by the manufacturer would be voided. Medications purchased from us or on our online store are typically guaranteed by the manufacturer and we can help you with any problems or questions associated.

When shopping online, look for the Veterinary-Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites Accreditation (Vet-VIPPS) Logo. If the pharmacy doesn't contain that logo, it may not be a trustworthy pharmacy.

A link to our Online Pharmacy can be found on our website: [www.EastSuburbanAnimalHospital.com](http://www.EastSuburbanAnimalHospital.com)



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