



# Vaccinating your cat

Here at PPVH, we strongly recommend immunising your cat against viral disease. The F3 vaccine helps your cat build immunity to the three most prevalent and debilitating feline diseases (listed below). This is considered the minimum standard in Australia. Depending on your cat's lifestyle, they may require additional immunisations. Ask one of our veterinarians for more information.

## Recommend schedule:

Age	Recommended Treatment
6 – 8 weeks	Kitten vaccine #1 (F3)
12 – 14 weeks	Kitten vaccine # 2 (F3)
16 – 18 weeks	Kitten vaccine # 3 (F3)
12 months later	F3 Booster
Annually for life	F3 Booster

## The F3 covers:

- > Feline parvovirus – causes feline infectious enteritis, a lethal disease affecting the gastrointestinal tract. It is extraordinarily contagious – viral particles can be transmitted on inanimate objects.
- > Feline calicivirus – highly contagious, one cause of chronic upper respiratory tract infection
- > Feline herpesvirus – highly contagious, another cause of chronic upper respiratory tract infection

**If your cat can roam outside, it requires immunisation against FIV and FeLV. These viruses cause chronic immunodeficiency syndromes.**

- > FIV - Feline AIDS is a disease caused by infection with feline immunodeficiency virus, affecting the cat's immune system much in the same way as human AIDS.
- > FeLV -Feline leukaemia attacks the immune system; many cats may be infected and show no signs. Some infected cats remain infected chronically and can shed the virus in their saliva, tears, nasal secretions, and urine which is then spread to uninfected cats by mutual grooming, fighting, sneezing or even flea bites.

- Kittens are not considered immune until they have received all three vaccines in the kitten series.
- Veterinarians cannot administer vaccines without giving the animal a full physical examination first
- Understand that vaccinations should be used in conjunction with parasite prevention to protect your pet from infectious disease best.
- We are more than happy to provide vaccination certificates upon request.