

## Feline Annual Physical Examination

In an effort to assist our clients, we have put together this information to help maximize the benefits for your cat during their annual physical examination appointment.

On the day of your cat's appointment we ask that you collect a stool sample and place it in a plastic bag to bring with you to the appointment. Once you arrive at the clinic and check in with our receptionist we will escort you to an available exam room as quickly as possible.

Once in the exam room one of our veterinary assistants/veterinary technician will weigh your cat, take their temperature, count their heart and respiratory rates, and assess their body fat index and dental score. They will also ask questions regarding your cat's diet, heartworm prevention and flea/tick prevention, at home dental care, living arrangements and overall wellness. If you have noticed any bad breath, changes in activity level, litter box behaviors, sleeping patterns or attitude. Please let our veterinary team member know, these could all be signs of illness in your cat. If you have any questions about your dog today, please feel free to ask them at any time.

We recommend Feline Leukemia (FELV)/Feline Immunodeficiency (FIV) at least once in every cat's life because FELV and FIV are viruses for which there is no cure. If your cat goes outside or has contact with other outside cats we recommend testing every year. We also recommend testing your cat for heartworm disease, and using heartworm prevention every 30 days all year.

Program protects your cat from flea infestations by preventing flea eggs from hatching. One injection of Program provides an entire six months of flea control for your cat.

The vaccinations we recommend for your cat include: Rabies, upper respiratory viruses including Calici virus, and FELV and FIV depending on your cat's living arrangements. Please ask questions if you would like to learn more about FELV and FIV.

The doctor will give your cat a complete physical examination, and then administer their vaccines. If necessary we will discuss with you the recommendations for your cat at this time. For example, if your cat has dental disease we will give you an estimate for a dental cleaning specifically designed for your cat.

We realize coming to the doctor can be scary for both you and your cat and we want to make your appointment with us as stress free as possible. If you have any questions regarding your cat's appointment or if you think your cat is having any health concerns please do not hesitate to call us.