



### **Feline Vaccines/Virus Information:**

Core Vaccines (all cats should receive vaccination for the following diseases):

**CVR Combination:** This vaccine contains Panleukopenia Virus, Calicivirus, and Herpes virus.

**Feline Panleukopenia Virus (FPV):** FPV attacks rapidly dividing cells and, most commonly, causes suppression of white blood cell production. Most cats infected with this virus show no signs of disease but young kittens can have anorexia, depression, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, progressive dehydration and possibly death. Adult cats, although they may not show signs of the disease, can spread the virus in the environment where it can survive for more than a year. FPV can be transmitted in all body excretions, including feces. This disease is also called **cat distemper**.

**Feline Calicivirus (FCV):** This virus causes upper respiratory tract signs such as runny eyes, runny nose and sneezing. It can also cause oral ulcers, pneumonia and rarely arthritis. It is spread by droplets in the air from an infected cat's cough or sneeze. It can also be shed through casual contact between cats (nose-to-nose contact, sharing food/water bowls, or grooming each other).

**Feline Herpes Virus (FHV):** This virus also causes upper respiratory tract signs and may also cause corneal (eye) ulcers. Cats infected with this virus carry the virus for the rest of their lives and can have recurrences of clinical signs during times of stress. IT is spread when an infected cat coughs or sneezes and with casual contact.

**Rabies:** All cats should be vaccinated against rabies whether they are indoor-only or not. Rabies virus attacks the nervous system and can cause clinical signs that include erratic behavior such as episodic aggression, irritability, restlessness and unexplained roaming. Other signs may include uncoordinated movement and seizures. Rabies is transmitted by a bite wound through the saliva. Wild animals that can spread this virus include bats, skunks, foxes, and raccoons. The only way to test for Rabies is euthanasia and submission of the brain for testing. Humans can get rabies from infected animals. ***THIS DISEASE IS ESSENTIALLY 100% FATAL (in both animals AND PEOPLE) ONCE CLINICAL SIGNS ARE APPARENT***

Non-Core Vaccines – Recommended depending on the lifestyle of the cat and his or her exposure risk.

**Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV):** This virus causes suppression of the immune system, major organ system degenerations, and/or cancer. Signs of this disease are usually vague and include weight loss, decreased appetite, depression, vomiting, and diarrhea. Cats can also get secondary infections resulting from a decrease in immune function. FeLV is spread by casual contact between cats. Vaccination is recommended for cats that go outside unsupervised, cats that live with other cats that go inside and outside, and those cats that live with FeLV positive cats. The BFVC staff strongly recommend testing your cat for FeLV prior to administration of the vaccine.