



### The Feline Leukemia Vaccine.

- Prevents against:
  - **Feline Leukemia (FeLV):** A viral disease that suppresses the immune system and bone marrow production, leaving cats more susceptible to other diseases including cancers. It is transmitted via direct contact between cats such as: grooming each other, bite wounds, and sharing water/food bowls and litter boxes. Kittens can contract the disease from their mothers.
- Where we give the vaccine: Left hind limb
- What to expect: It is uncommon, however soreness or mild swelling at the injection site can occur. Lethargy for the first 24 hours after vaccination is common and not worrisome.
- Vaccine reactions to call us about: Also uncommon, but we'd like to see you and your cat back right away if you see any of the following within the first 24 hours of vaccination:
  - Facial swelling/Hives
  - Vomiting/diarrhea
  - Large swelling at injection site
  - Fever and lack of appetite

This is a lifestyle vaccine. We recommend it if your cat is able to go outside (including back yard, or balcony). We also recommend it initially for all kittens. We vaccinate for this disease because the benefit of this vaccination largely outweighs the risk of a severe vaccine reaction.