

Basic kitten health series

1st step (7-8weeks) Physical examination, identify any congenital defects, examine for external parasites such as fleas or earmites, FELV/FIV blood test, deworm for roundworms, fecal analysis for any other intestinal parasites, 1st FVRCP vaccination. Send kitten information brochures. Discuss diet and recommendations for safe home environment. You would need to bring a fecal sample on the first visit so that a fecal analysis may be performed.

2nd step (3-4 weeks later, 10-12 weeks) Physical examination, assess growth and development, deworm, 2nd FVRCP, 1st FELV vaccination (if recommended), discuss basic training and behavior.

3rd step (3-4 weeks later, 13-16 weeks) Physical examination, deworm, 2nd FELV vaccination, Rabies vaccination, discuss basic grooming needs and dental care. Approx.

4th step (22-28 weeks) Spay/Neuter, repeat fecal flotation examination and deworming if needed. Permanent identification with AVID microchip is an option.

Any other procedures such as declawing may be scheduled after the initial visit.

The pros and cons of declawing would be discussed on the first or second visit before any surgery is scheduled. If necessary this surgery is best performed when the kitten is between 2 and 4 pounds.