



Kingston Vets

# Cat Healthcare

## **Routine vaccinations**

Offer protection against Flu, Enteritis and Leukaemia virus.

They are usually given at 9 and 12 weeks and followed up with Annual boosters.

Other vaccinations

Rabies: required for overseas travel with a Pet passport.

## **Parasites**

### **Fleas**

Some animals are very sensitive and attractive to fleas we advise Bravecto Plus every 3 months throughout the year this is also effective against roundworms.

Alternatively 6 monthly Program injections make fleas sterile and so reduce fleas in your household.

Annual house spraying with Indorex is also useful to reduce the eggs and larvae on your carpets.

### **Worms**

1. Roundworms – monthly worming until the animal is 6 months and then every 3 months.

2. Tapeworms – If you are using monthly Advocate then Milbemax tablets every 3 months if your cat is a hunter.

Milbemax tablets are the most effective but if giving a pill to your cat is difficult there is Profender a worming spot on which is effective against all the worms.

### **Ticks**

If your cat is prone to Ticks, we recommend monthly spraying with Stronghold Plus.

Please note: For flea and worm control we recommend you use the products we sell as these are more effective than Pet shop or supermarket brands.

## **Identichip**

This is an injection which inserts a small chip into your pet, thus providing individual identification. If your pet is lost or stolen it can be identified using a scanner. It is one of the requirements for pet passports if you decide to take your pet abroad.



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## **Diet**

We highly recommend Hill's and Royal Canin, who produce good quality complete life stage dry food. Dry food makes a big difference to the long term maintenance of your cat's teeth. Lifestyle diets contain the right quantity of protein for each stage of your pet's life – kitten, adult & elderly cats.

## **Insurance**

We highly recommend insurance for peace of mind. Please check the small print and make sure you choose a policy which states "cover for life". Please don't change Insurers if possible – new insurers will exclude every problem previously mentioned in the animals medical history.

## **Neutering**

We recommend spaying and castration for females and males from 6 months. This reduces the risk of unwanted pregnancies, fights, viral diseases and road traffic accidents associated with other un-neutered cats.

## **Exercise**

Cats should be allowed outside. To reduce the risk of road traffic accidents and cat fights, keep your cats inside from dusk until dawn.