

You had your kitten vaccinated today... what did the vet say?

- **Worming Flea and Tick Prevention regime.** The recommended worming regime is as follows:-
 - Worm at 6 weeks of age (*which may have been done by the breeder*)
 - Then, worm at the first and second vaccination
 - Then treat for fleas and roundworms monthly, and tapeworms every 6 months

We have designed a flea and worming regime for cats that does not require you to give tablets (which we think you will find much easier, some cats can be difficult with tablets!)

In order to treat and prevent fleas, roundworms and Ticks, we use a product called "Stronghold" which is a spot on treatment. It is applied monthly to the skin at the back of the neck. Thus, by using monthly stronghold, you will ensure that your kitten is fully protected from infestation by fleas and roundworms.

In order to treat tapeworms, we will use a separate spot on treatment called "Droncit". This will be applied every 6 months. Your kitten will be coming in for a health check every 6 months as part of the healthy pets club anyway, so we will put this tapeworm treatment on for you when your kitten comes in for the health check.

- **Insurance.** It is a very good idea to have a "pet insurance" policy for your kitten. If the worst did happen and your kitten got ill, an insurance policy would pay for most medical bills, including blood samples and faecal samples (which can cost from £55 to £200), or more advanced treatments such as chemotherapy or placing pins and plates in a broken leg (which can cost £300 to £2000).
- **Neutering (spaying or castration).** Routine neutering is often carried out around 6 months of age. Neutering male cats around 6 months will stop scent marking (spraying) which leaves a nasty odour in the house. Neutering female cats at 6 months will stop unwanted pregnancies.
- **Identichipping.** Placing a permanent microchip under your kitten's skin means that if he/she ever goes missing, you can be reunited. All vets, SSPCA inspectors and dog wardens have scanners, and all stray animals are scanned. Identichipping costs just £27.99 (£5 discount applies if done whilst your pet is under general anaesthetic for e.g. neutering). Once done it lasts for life. Just ask the vet or receptionist for more details.
- **Remember** that your new kitten is not fully covered for the various infectious diseases that we just vaccinated him or her against until 1 week after the second vaccination.