



Getting sick can make your pet miserable
Vaccination can keep them active and happy

Vaccine reactions

For a day or two after receiving a vaccine, your pet may be sore at the injection site or seem sleepier than normal, as their immune system learns to fight the disease(s) they were vaccinated for. Serious vaccine reactions are rare, but can include vomiting, diarrhea, hives or swelling of the face. In a study involving over 1.2 million dogs, only 0.038 percent (only 3-4 in 10,000) had a reaction severe enough to cause their owners to bring them back to the vet, and most of those were easily treated.

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Have questions?

The staff at Chester Valley Veterinary Hospital would be happy to discuss the best preventative care plan for your pet.



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Cat Vaccinations



Protecting pets of all ages

Vaccinations are an important part of helping your pet live a long, healthy life.

A vaccination contains a killed or altered form of a virus or bacteria, one which cannot give your pet the disease. However, when your pet's immune system interacts with the vaccine, it learns how to combat the disease. This allows your pet's own immune system to fight off the disease if they are ever exposed, before it even begins to show symptoms.

Here at Chester Valley Veterinary Hospital, we generally recommend that cats be vaccinated for rabies, FVRCP and feline leukemia, however every pet we vaccinate must have an annual exam with one of our doctors so that we can tailor a plan specifically for your pet.

Factors which may influence the vaccinations we recommend for your pet and when they should be given may include:

- Your pet's age
- Any health concerns your pet has
- Your pet's lifestyle
- Any traveling you have done or plan to do with your pet

FVRCP

This is a combination vaccine that protects against multiple contagious viral infections.

Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis causes upper respiratory disease, which can include inflammation of and discharge from the nose, eyes and sinuses. In severe cases, it can lead to pneumonia.

Calicivirus can cause similar respiratory disease, but also often includes ulcers in the mouth.

Panleukopenia causes fever, lack of appetite and diarrhea. It can also attack the bone marrow and lymph nodes, greatly weakening the immune system and leaving cat's vulnerable to other infections.

Feline Leukemia

This vaccine protects against the feline leukemia virus, which can have a wide range of impacts on health, including suppression of the immune system, blood disorders and can even develop into cancer. It is typically transmitted in saliva, either through bite wounds or grooming, but can also spread through shared water/food dishes or litter boxes.



Viral infections such as Rhinotracheitis can have severe impact on your pet's health, and can reoccur multiple times in your cat's life.

Rabies

Rabies is a fatal virus that can infect any mammal, including humans. It is transmitted in the saliva, usually when an infected animal bites. In Alaska, foxes are the most common animals to be found positive for rabies, but any mammal could become infected. Because this disease can cause human deaths, Anchorage Animal Control requires that all dogs, cats and ferrets in the municipality be kept current on their rabies vaccination.