

Where to look for more information...

Your veterinarian is always the best place to ask questions as they are trained to be your cats healthcare provider.

Shaw Pet Hospitals' PetPortals system allows owners to send in questions online and houses a library of medical information. Request your PetPortals login today by giving us your email address.

For more information on Bartonella Testing, Felv and FIV you can look online at:

www.natvetlab.com/

For more information on various worms you can look online at:

www.cdc.gov/healthypets

Shaw Pet Hospitals

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Tillicum Mall**

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Hollywood Pet Hospital

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Your New Cat

A lifetime of feline healthcare

Easy to read guideline for healthcare from when you first adopt your cat to their elder years.



Call us to book today!

Where Pets Are Our Passion

Your New Adopted Cat

Congratulations on the new addition to your family! Hopefully your new cat will be with you for many years to come. This brochure will guide you through some basic healthcare issues we feel are important for both the immediate and long term health of your cat and your family.

Start off by booking an appointment with your veterinarian for a wellness exam. Many adoption groups offer a free exam within the first few days of adoption so make sure you use it!

Get your new pet's health off to the right start by identifying ongoing problems, potential issues and preventative care recommendations all at once. With a small investment on your part your cat will be thanking you with their love for making their health a priority.

Regular Preventative Care Should Include...

Wellness Exams: Done every year until age 7 and then bi-yearly after that.

Vaccines: Important for all domestic cats, vaccination against feline Panleukopenia, Rhinotracheitis, Calici Virus, Feline Leukemia and Rabies Virus are recommended by our veterinarians.

Kittens require vaccines at 8, 12 and 16 weeks of age to get their immune systems off on the right foot.

Adults should be vaccinated yearly for Felv and every 3 years for their FVRCP and Rabies vaccines.

Testing newly acquired cats for Bartonella, Feline Immunodeficiency Virus and Feline Leukemia Virus. These diseases can be hidden and may pose risks to other pets or even humans in your home.

Regular Internal and External Parasite Control is important as well. Fleas play a role in transmitting Bartonella infection from cats to humans and some worms are a zoonotic risk and can easily transmit to humans. The Cen-

ters for Disease Control, suggest deworming every 3 months with a broad spectrum deworming product like Advantage Multi, Revolution, Interceptor or Milbemax.

To ensure the chosen deworming protocol is working effectively bring a stool sample in with you at your cats yearly wellness exam for fecal testing. With these results we can tell if the medication is working or if you need to try something else.

If you follow these recommendations you will be giving your new kitten his or her best chance of having a long and happy life as an important part of your family.

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