

AAFP Feline Vaccination Advisory Panel recommendations for feline leukemia virus vaccination¹⁰⁰

Initial vaccination protocol for kittens and unvaccinated adult cats

- ✦ Administer FeLV vaccine series to all cats at risk of infection and all kittens up to and including 1 year of age
- ✦ Test all cats for retrovirus infection (regardless of age) before vaccination
- ✦ Give first vaccination as early as 8 weeks old
- ✦ Administer two vaccines, 3–4 weeks apart
- ✦ Administer FeLV booster vaccination 1 year after initial vaccine series

Revaccination protocol for cats 2 years of age and older

- ✦ **Do not revaccinate** cats with no risk of exposure, such as:
 - Cats living in a single-cat household with no exposure to other cats
 - Cats living in a household with other cats known to be FeLV negative
 - Cats with outdoor access to an enclosure only or no outdoor access
 - Cats with no exposure to either FeLV-infected cats or cats of unknown FeLV status
- ✦ **Revaccinate annually** cats with high risk of exposure, such as:
 - Cats with outdoor access
 - Cats living with known FeLV-infected cats
 - Cats in contact with cats of unknown FeLV status
- ✦ **Revaccinate every 2 years** cats with low risk of exposure, such as:
 - Cats with no history of inter-cat aggression (eg, previous cat fight bites)
 - Cats with limited outdoor access and low possibility of exposure to cats of unknown FeLV status