



Feline Vaccines Available at Ely Veterinary Care

Core Vaccines:

Rabies – Protects against a fatal zoonotic virus and required by Nevada State Law. Can be given as early as 12 weeks of age, but Ely Veterinary Care (EVC) recommends this vaccine be given at 16 weeks of age. If your pet has an unknown rabies vaccine history, the vaccine will be given, then boosted one year later. At EVC, we carry non-adjuvanted feline vaccines, which may be safer for cats and could potentially decrease the incidence of feline injection-site sarcoma (FISS) cases. This non-adjuvanted rabies vaccine is recommended yearly, but three-year formulations are also available.

Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, and Panleukopenia (FVRCP) – Often referred to as a “kitten booster.” This vaccine is intended to defend against upper respiratory viruses and feline parvovirus, a serious gastrointestinal condition common among unvaccinated kittens. We recommend giving this vaccine at 8, 12, and 16 weeks of age with an annual booster, then every three years thereafter. If your pet has an unknown FVRCP vaccine history, the vaccine will be given, then boosted 3-4 weeks later, then 1 year later. After the annual booster, the FVRCP vaccine will be administered every 3 years. The FVRCP series carried at EVC is also non-adjuvanted.

Elective Lifestyle Vaccine:

Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) – The FeLV vaccine is recommended for outdoor cats or cats who live both indoors and outdoors, who may come in contact with stray cats from time to time. This vaccine is intended to protect against the Feline Leukemia Virus, which is mainly spread through nursing, mutual grooming, or mating among cats. Before this vaccine can be administered, an FeLV blood test must first be performed to make sure your feline companion is not already infected with this life-long virus. This blood test is performed in-house, and results will be reported to you during your cat’s appointment. If your cat is negative for FeLV and you wish to have him/her vaccinated against the virus, he/she will receive the vaccine and it will need to be boosted 3-4 weeks later. The FeLV vaccine is then given yearly after the initial booster series. As with the above vaccines, the FeLV vaccine carried at EVC is also non-adjuvanted.

*For more information concerning feline injection-site sarcomas, please visit the AVMA website at: <https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/petcare/vaccines-and-sarcomas-concern-cat-owners>