

## Pricing

*The cost of the Kitten Good Start Package is \$189.00. Individually purchased the services and products provided in the package typically run around \$215.00.*



*In addition to these savings there is an additional 15% that you will save at the time of spay or neuter if done within six months here at Renton West. The savings on a neuter or spay range from \$13.50–\$25.50 off the procedure only, and not off fluids or any necessary medications. Please ask a technician for a detailed spay or neuter estimate for your cat.*

## Kitten Good Start Package

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## Kitten Good Start Package

The Kitten Good Start Package includes:

- 1 initial pediatric examination
- 1 follow up technician appointment
- 2 feline panleukopenia vaccinations
- 1 rabies vaccination
- 2 doses of de-worming medication \*
- 2 nail trims
- 1 fecal parasite examination

In addition to the services listed above, a 15% discount will be applied to your kitten's spay or neuter if it is performed within six months here at Renton West Veterinary Hospital. We will provide you with the approximate dates for return visits.

Ancillary costs, such as additional fecal examinations, anti-protizoaal or coccidial drugs (which are not considered part of the de-worming) feline leukemia vaccines or testing, and a Home Again microchip are not included in this package, and are an additional cost if needed or performed.



## ~VACCINES~

### Rabies

Rabies is an increasing threat to cats. At the present time, the number of reported feline rabies cases in the United States far exceeds that of all other domestic animals. Rabies in cats is also a major public health concern. Because of the routinely fatal outcome of infectious cats, and the potential for human exposure, rabies vaccination is highly recommended for all cats; and is required by law in most areas of the country.

### Feline Panleukopenia (feline distemper)

Feline panleukopenia is a highly contagious and deadly viral disease of cats. Feline panleukopenia virus is extremely hardy, is able to survive extremes of temperature and humidity for many months, and is resistant to most available disinfectants. Until recent years, panleukopenia was the most serious infectious disease of cats, claiming the lives of thousands every year. Thanks to the highly effective vaccines currently available, panleukopenia is now considered to be an uncommon disease. However, because of the serious nature of the disease and the continued presence of virus in the environment, vaccination is highly recommended for all cats.

### Feline Leukemia Virus

Feline leukemia virus (FeLV) is the leading viral killer of all cats. The virus is spread from cat-to-cat through bite wounds, through casual contact with infected cats, and from an infected mother to kittens. The individuals most at risk of infection are outdoor cats, indoor/outdoor cats, and cats exposed to such individuals. Cats living in households with FeLV-infected cats or with cats of unknown infection status are also at risk. Indoor cats with no exposure to potentially infected cats are extremely unlikely to become infected. FeLV vaccines are recommended for all cats at risk of exposure to the virus.

## Why Kittens Require a Series of Vaccinations

Kittens receive antibody from colostrums (the first milk the mother produces) that is ingested during the early hours after birth. Maternal antibody helps protect against infectious disease until the kitten's own immune system is more mature.



Unfortunately, maternal antibody also interferes with a vaccine's ability to stimulate the kitten's immune system. To counteract this problem, veterinarians often administer a series of vaccines, usually beginning when the kitten is around eight weeks of age, and then repeating the vaccination at three or four week intervals until the maternal antibody has waned, usually at around 16 weeks of age. In some cases (e.g., rabies vaccines) the initial vaccine is not given until maternal antibody has disappeared.

### To vaccinate or not to vaccinate...

The decision to vaccinate your cat should be based on a thorough understanding of the benefits — and the risks — of the procedure. For this reason, it is extremely important that you discuss any and all vaccines with your veterinarian.