

# Summer Street Animal Clinic

## Kitten Package

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Summer Street is currently offering a special on new kittens. We want to ensure that your new addition is properly vaccinated, dewormed, and in overall good health starting out in life.

**Our package includes:**

- 1) **Two dewormings** - 2 weeks apart
- 2) **Fecal check** for any lingering parasites (Bring in a sample at your last visit!)
- 3) One bag of kitten food. (Hill's Science Diet)
- 4) First **Revolution treatment** (prevents fleas, ear mites, and other parasites)
- 5) Sample toothbrush and toothpaste to promote good oral health.
- 6) Pet piller to assist in medicating your pet.
- 5) Samples of kitten toys
- 6) Nail trim to show owners how to trim their new baby's nails.
- 7) **Series of necessary vaccinations** - The age of the kitten at the first visit determines the number of visits which are needed.
  - a) < 9 weeks --- 4 visits (last visit includes Rabies vaccination)
  - b) 9 - 11 weeks --- 3 visits (last visit includes Rabies vaccination)
  - c) > 11 weeks --- 2 visits (last visit includes Rabies vaccination)
- 8) **10% Discount** on spay/neuter/front declaw at 6 months of age. 10% discount also applies to pain prevention protocols after surgery and pre-anesthetic blood testing. (Surgery must be done before kitten is 8 months of age for discount to apply)
- 9) **Optional** - Testing and vaccination for Feline Leukemia is recommended for cats at risk. The back side of this sheet provides information on the disease so you can make an informed decision if you would like to add Leukemia to the package at a cost of \$61.20

\*\*Package does not apply to DCHS, STOPP, or any other related programs.

Package prices are listed below and provide considerable savings as compared to purchasing all products and services separately. Costs are outlined below.

	<b><u>Package price</u></b> <b><u>No Leukemia</u></b>	<b><u>Regular</u></b> <b><u>Price</u></b>	<b><u>Package Price</u></b> <b><u>Including Leukemia</u></b>	<b><u>Regular</u></b> <b><u>Price</u></b>
<b><u>4 visits</u></b>	<b>\$222.13</b>	\$296.17	<b>\$304.66</b>	\$364.87
<b><u>3 visits</u></b>	<b>\$182.76</b>	\$243.68	<b>\$265.29</b>	\$326.03
<b><u>2 visits</u></b>	<b>\$143.40</b>	\$191.19	<b>\$225.93</b>	\$273.54

**The purpose of our kitten package is to provide the optimal care for your new pet by giving incentive for owners to get all necessary vaccinations, and additional care by paying for services up front. Summer Street Animal Clinic will fulfill its obligation to the services offered in the package. Street Animal Clinic will not adjust charges or provide refunds of any type. By signing below you state that you understand that you must fulfill your responsibility to the package by making follow up appointments and obtaining services.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(see back page)

## **Feline Leukemia Option**

The purpose of this handout is to inform you of the risks for the disease so you can make an informed decision in respect to vaccinating your feline friend.

Feline Leukemia is discussed below. In general Summer Street Animal Clinic recommends that any cat with exposure to the outdoors or a cat in a multi-cat household be first tested for the disease and if negative vaccinated against the disease. All kittens should be tested for feline leukemia so disease status is known.

A Feline Leukemia package that includes a test, an initial vaccination and a booster vaccination currently costs adds an additional \$82.53 to the package price

### Why vaccinate for Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV)?

FeLV is usually transmitted through virus-infected saliva via cat fight wounds, mutual grooming, or sharing food and water dishes. This can be more of a problem in multi-cat households. The virus causes a fatal infection by depressing the immune system (inability to fight off infection) with the development of secondary diseases.

Most cats with FeLV infection die within 2-3 years of the time of infection. Cats that are infected may have recurring abscesses, chronic mouth infections, chronic respiratory diseases, diarrhea, and poor appetite. The virus can also suppress red blood cell production resulting in anemia and white blood cell production resulting in nothing to fight off infections.

Development of malignancies to cells have also been a major concern months to years after infection especially in the lymph nodes or bone marrow. When these malignancies are found in the blood they are known as leukemia. They can also be found in many organs including the bone marrow, chest, lungs, kidneys, liver, and intestinal tract (called lymphoma).

There is no treatment to eliminate FeLV (only supportive care and treatment of the secondary bacterial infections). Fortunately, there are vaccines that are quite effective in preventing FeLV infection. Young cats are more susceptible to infection than adults and should be vaccinated before they come in contact with infected carriers. The current recommendation is an initial dose after 9 weeks followed by a booster dose 3 weeks to a month later. Yearly booster dose is recommended from then on.

The doctors and staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have.