

## UPDATE ON FELINE LEUKEMIA I

The most significant step forward in feline health care in ten years has taken place --- a vaccine which protects healthy cats against Feline Leukemia (FeLV). This virus is a major cause of death in cats, both directly and indirectly through related diseases.

While we have long been able to test for FeLV (usually done in cats already showing signs of illness), it has only been in the past year that a vaccine has become available to protect our feline friends from this often fatal disease.

While many of our feline patients have already been tested and vaccinated for this disease, there are still those who are not yet protected. We encourage owners to have all their cats tested and vaccinated as soon as possible.

The program consists of four separate visits:

1. Initial visit for blood test.
2. Initial vaccination.
3. Booster vaccination in 3 weeks.
4. Booster vaccination in 3 months.

Single booster vaccinations will be given annually.

The decision to bring a pet into your family brings with it a serious responsibility. Your pet depends on you for its health and protection.

The enclosed brochure should help to familiarize you with FeLV. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Looking forward to serving you,



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