

HSGC Vaccination & Testing Protocol

CATS

Kittens: Under 4 weeks of Age (unsteady gate, less than 1 lb in weight, closed or newly opened ears &/or eyes)

- NO vaccinations – keep isolated!

Kittens: 4 – 12 weeks of Age

- FVRCP vaccine (NO Fe-Leuk Vaccine) at intake
- FVRCP vaccine (NO Fe-Leuk Vaccine) booster every 3 weeks until over 12 weeks of age
- FVRCP booster after 1 year (then every 3 years)
- Feline Leukemia *test* 5 days after intake
- Feline Leukemia *test* 30 days after intake
- Broad spectrum de-wormer at intake
- Repeat de-wormer every 2 weeks until over 4 months of age

Cats & Kittens: Over 12 weeks (3 months) of Age

- FVRCP vaccine (NO Fe-Leuk Vaccine) at intake
- FVRCP vaccine (NO Fe-Leuk Vaccine) booster in 3 weeks
- FVRCP booster after 1 year (then every 3 years)
- Feline Leukemia *test* 5 days after intake
- Feline Leukemia vaccine after negative 5-day test
- Feline Leukemia *test* 30 days after intake
- Feline Leukemia booster after 1 year
- Broad spectrum de-wormer at intake
- Repeat de-wormer 2 weeks after intake
- Repeat de-wormer monthly and/or do fecal testing
- Rabies vaccination after 6 months or prior to adoption

EXCEPTIONS

Do not vaccinate animals that are visibly very sick with a high fever.

Do not vaccinate highly aggressive animals.*

Do not vaccinate pregnant animals **if** they are estimated to be within 1 week of giving birth. (In this case, vaccinate the mother the day after she births.)

DO vaccinate all other animals, including those in early stages of pregnancy or with mild illnesses.

**If an animal is highly aggressive at intake, do not vaccinate. Reevaluate the following day.*

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DOGS

Puppies: Under 4 weeks of Age (unsteady gate, closed or newly opened ears &/or eyes)

- NO vaccinations – keep isolated!

Puppies: 4 – 18 weeks of Age

- DA₂PP vaccine at intake
- DA₂PP vaccine booster every 3 weeks until over 18 weeks of age
- Bordetella vaccine at intake
- Bordetella booster after 3 weeks if under 6 weeks when given initial vaccine
- Broad spectrum de-wormer at intake
- Repeat de-wormer every 2 weeks until over 4 months of age

Dogs & Puppies: Over 18 weeks (4.5 months) of Age

- DA₂PP vaccine at intake
- DA₂PP vaccine booster after 3 weeks
- DA₂PP vaccine booster after 1 year (then every 3 years)
- Bordetella vaccine at intake
- Bordetella booster every 6 months
- Heartworm/Lyme test at 5 days
- Broad spectrum de-wormer at intake
- Repeat de-wormer 2 weeks after intake
- Repeat de-wormer monthly and/or do fecal testing
- Rabies vaccination after 6 months or prior to adoption

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