Vaccination Recommendations for Shelter Cats



VACCINE	ADULT CATS (>20 weeks old)	KITTENS (4-20 weeks old)	WHERE TO ADMINISTER	NOTES
Modified live virus Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Panelukopenia (FVRCP) (This is the same as Herpesvirus-1)	Administer one dose at or prior to intake. Administer a second dose 2 weeks later.*	Administer one dose at or prior to intake. Administer additional doses every 2 weeks until the kitten is 20 weeks old.*	Subcutaneous, right forelimb	Intranasal FVRCP vaccines may be given simultaneously, but should not be given in place of injectable panleukopenia vaccines.
Rabies	Administer one dose either on intake or prior to exit.	Administer one dose at legal age (>12 weeks) either on intake or prior to exit.	Subcutaneous, right hind limb	Administration of rabies vaccine is directed by state or local law.

^{*}This frequency can be adjusted to every 3-4 weeks for animals in a low-risk foster home setting. Low risk would include foster homes where sanitation and infection control protocols are properly followed, only one animal or litter is fostered at a time, and there is no significant concern about exposure to infectious disease from any animals currently or previously in the home.