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Feline Parasite Control/Viral Testing Recommendations

These guidelines are meant to serve as a reference and not a replacement for consultation with a veterinarian.

FELINE PARASITE CONTROL

1. Intestinal parasites (roundworms and hookworms)

- De-worm at least twice 3 weeks apart during kitten vaccine series.
- Check at least 2 fecal exams during kitten series. We recommend that kittens have at least 4 fecal evaluations during their first year.
- Biannual fecal testing is recommended for adults.

2. External parasites

- We offer Revolution, Advantage, and Frontline Plus for control of fleas and ticks.

3. Heartworm Prevention

- As with dogs, cats can be infected with heartworms. We recommend year round heartworm prevention medication (Heartguard for Cats or Interceptor) and annual heartworm testing
 - We recommend that all cats 4 months of age or older be tested before starting preventive, however, it is not mandatory.
- There is currently no approved treatment for feline heartworm disease and the condition is often fatal.

FELINE VIRAL TESTING

- Testing is available for Feline leukemia virus (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV)
- We recommend testing for all kittens, new cats, and at-risk adult cats.
 - Indoor/outdoor and other high-risk cats should be tested yearly.