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## **New Kitten Talk**

- **Vaccination Schedule**
  - 8 weeks old: First Distemper combo vaccination, deworming
  - 12 weeks old: Second Distemper combo vaccination, First Feline Leukemia vaccination, deworming
  - 16 weeks old: Third Distemper combo vaccination, Second Feline Leukemia vaccination, Rabies vaccination, deworming
  - Annual visit due at 1 year after last kitten boosters are completed, then yearly.
  
- **Further information and recommendations for raising your new furry family member:**
  - Deworming: Zoonotic potential of parasites and transmission to humans.
  - Feline Leukemia and FIV Testing and Prevention: Spreads by infected cats. We recommend having all cats tested at 6 months of age and annually afterwards if they are outdoors. We do offer a feline leukemia vaccine which can be administered after a negative test.
  - Flea and Tick Prevention: Topical preventative available here – continue treatment through all winter thaws (anytime it is above 32 degrees).
  - Spay/Neuter: Recommended at 6-9 months for cats.
  - Microchipping: Can be done at any time.
  - Training: Use positive rewards when training (treats and praise). We do recommend crate/kennel training as well for what will be used to transport to the clinic.
  - Kittens and Stress: New environments and people can be overwhelming for pets. We recommend using Feliway Collars and/or diffusers to release calming pheromones and help pets through this transitional time.
  - Family Mentality: Train your children and your kitten to interact appropriately with each other.
  - Grooming and Bathing: Do not bathe too frequently as this causes risk of drying out the coat and skin. Every 4 to 6 weeks is best for nail trims. Cleaning ears after baths is important as well. Many cats may never need baths as they often groom themselves.
  - Dental Care: Brushing teeth is great to start at a young age, preventing plaque and tartar build up and potential damage to vital organs; use pet toothpaste.
  - Pet Insurance: Best to start when your kitten is young and has no pre-existing conditions.