

# CLIENT INFORMATION

## VACCINATION FOR CATS

Many serious infectious diseases of cats can be prevented by vaccination. Most cats will come into contact with an infectious disease at some time during their lives. Even indoor cats can be exposed to viruses carried in the air, on clothing, or on your hand. Vaccines work for pets just like they do for people. Vaccinations are an inexpensive and safe protection against costly treatments or even the premature death of your cat.

Cats must be vaccinated against these diseases:

- 1) *Calicivirus*
- 2) *Rhinotrachitis*
- 3) *Panleukopenia*
- 4) *Leukemia*
- 5) *Rabies*

All of these are **killer diseases**; all of them exist in Saudi Arabia.

Kittens should be vaccinated from 9 weeks of age with a follow up vaccination 3-4 weeks later. This is called a booster-vaccination, without this first booster the immunity will drop rapidly within 6 months to insufficient protection.

To maintain immunity an annual booster vaccination must be given.

Not giving your cats regular boosters will make the first vaccination more or less useless.

