



VACCINATION OF KITTENS AND CATS



Why vaccinate?

- When kittens are born they receive some natural protection against disease from their mother's milk (she can only do this well if she is fully vaccinated herself). This protection is only temporary and it declines in the first few weeks of the kitten's life (around 8-10 weeks of age). When this happens the kitten is at greater risk of infection and disease.
- The vaccine used at Seers Croft provides immunity against:
 - Feline rhinotracheitis virus
 - Feline panleucopenia virus
 - Feline calicivirus
 - Feline leukaemia virus (vaccine available without this also)
- The aim of vaccination is to:
 - Reduce mortality (death rate) associated with the diseases caused by pathogens (i.e. viruses, bacteria / germs) listed above
 - Reduce clinical signs of infection
 - Reduce spread of infection amongst the cat population
- An Initial vaccine is required at around 9 weeks of age and then repeated 3-4 weeks later. This ensures maximum protection.
- We recommend yearly boosters to ensure continued immunity.
- Vaccination consults at Seers Croft include a health check and an opportunity to discuss the worming and flea treatment protocol you use for your cat.
- Once infected many cats will continue to carry some of the viruses listed above, so it is important that if your cat hasn't been well vaccinated early on in life that they are tested for these viruses
- If your cat or kitten becomes ill and isn't vaccinated please consult your vet as the diseases listed above can be debilitating and even fatal

