

# Fleas and Worms

To kill adult fleas, you need to use something effective and long lasting.

Flea collars and shampoos are inefficient and only work for a short time. We recommend using a spot-on treatment in the form of **PRINOVOX**. This kills fleas, ear mites and biting lice when applied to your animal's skin and is also effective for a month.



If it is hard to apply spot-on treatment to your cat we recommend **COMFORTIS** flea tablets. These too need to be given monthly to control fleas.

Fleas also survive in the environment, especially in carpets and soft furnishing. **INDOREX** spray can be used to directly kill these flea eggs, larvae and adult fleas in the environment and also help if members of the family are being bitten.



You should regularly worm your cat to protect from worm infestations. We recommend using **MILPRO**, an effective worming treatment for common British worms.

Kittens should be given this every month until 6 months of age, then 2-3 times a year thereafter. This is to protect against roundworms and tapeworms, which are not always visible in your cat's faeces.

Not seeing worms does not mean your cat doesn't have them. By regularly worming your pet, you also reduce the risk of them passing on worms to other animals.



# Kitten Information

## Vaccinations

Vaccinating your cat is important to protect against diseases that are serious, difficult to treat, and sometimes fatal. All cats should be vaccinated against cat flu, feline enteritis and feline leukaemia.

Your kitten can have its first vaccination from 9 weeks old. This has to be followed up with a second vaccination 3 weeks later.

About a week after the second vaccination, your kitten can be let outside. Until the course is complete it is important that your kitten stays in your house or garden and does **NOT** come into contact with other cats to assure its safety.



After its vaccination, your kitten is protected for a year. It will then require a booster vaccination to ensure continued protection. This needs to be repeated at the same time every year. Once the course is complete, you will be given a vaccination certificate as proof of your kitten's immunity.



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# Neutering

Male and female cats can be neutered from 6 months of age. This avoids unwanted pregnancies and can reduce wandering behaviour



Castrating your male cat prevents it from getting nasty diseases from other cats, as uncastrated (entire) male cats tend to wander and fight. Entire male cats usually have strong and often unpleasant odours which can be prevented with castration.

Female and male cats are also very fertile and will be a source of many unwanted kittens in the neighbourhood and your home, so castrating your cat is a socially responsible thing to do.

If you are considering neutering your animal, please call the surgery to discuss the procedure with a member of staff



# Feeding Your Cat

When feeding your kitten, you should:

- Stick to the same type of food

Changing food or feeding times can lead to digestive problems.

- Feed a balanced diet

A good quality kitten food should provide all the energy and nutrients your kitten needs. This can be either wet or a combination of wet and dry food as feeding only dry food can lead to urinary problems in later life.

- Feed several meals a day

Kittens have small stomachs, so they need small meals. 3-4 meals should be fed daily until about 6 months of age. The actual volume of food required varies according to the brand, and the size/age/breed of your kitten. The manufacturers guidelines are a good starting point.

Once your kitten has reached maturity (normally around 1 year of age) you should gradually change to an adult diet

It is important that cats should not be fed dog food as this lacks essential proteins that your cat requires

