

### **7 Point Gold Standard Preventative Kitten Plan**

#### **1. Vaccinations**

##### **A) Routine Vaccinations (Flu, Enteritis and Leukaemia)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 weeks
- 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 weeks date.....

Kittens are fully protected 7 days later. We use the latest vaccinations which allow earliest socialisation. Yearly boosters for some components of the vaccination are then essential to keep up protection.

##### **B) Rabies Vaccination**

This is necessary as part of the pet passport which we can issue here, please ask.

#### **2. Worming**

Worms pass from the queen to the kittens through her milk and in her faeces.

Kittens also get worms from worm eggs already in your home as they can be brought in on your shoes.

Worms can cause stunted growth, a pot-belly and diarrhoea. Worms infect people, especially children, the elderly and pregnant women.

##### **Gold standard kitten worming:**

- Every 2 weeks until 12 weeks old with "Fenbendazole"- Panacur or Wormazole
- Monthly until 6 months with "Fenbendazole"-available in paste, granules or liquid
- After 6 months of age we recommend "Drontal" tablets or "Profender" (easy spot-on dosing onto the skin) every 3 months for life. Both of these protect against ALL worms in the UK.

#### **3. Advocate – prescription spot-on flea prevention/ treatment**

Every month from 9 weeks of age

Advocate is the best protection against fleas, fox mite (mange) ear mites and other parasites such as roundworms which can pass to human beings.

*Please be aware that not all "SPOT-ONS" are the same, be careful what you buy from the supermarket, look carefully at the actual ingredients in the product*

#### **4. Insurance**

We recommend *lifetime* insurance for all kittens. We work alongside "PetPlan" an insurance company which offers a very high level of cover for life. Please ask for a 4 week free cover note with your first vaccination.

Should your pet unfortunately become unwell we offer a complete veterinary service with diagnostics and treatments which will typically be covered by pet insurance provided that you already have a policy in force.

For more information please ask.

#### **5. Microchip Identification**

Microchipping is essential for kittens. It prevents loss from straying, theft and accidents. A Thermochip is available which also reads your kittens temperature.

#### **6. Neutering**

Neutering can be carried out from 5 months. In female cats it stops calling and unwanted kittens. It prevents cancer of the ovaries and womb and reduces the risk of breast cancer. In male cats it stops urine spraying in your home and smelly tomcat odours. It reduces straying, fighting and spread of feline AIDS.

#### **7. Diet**

We recommend complete dry food for the best development of your kitten. Quality kitten food will give your kitten the best start in life, healthy joints and a glossy coat. Compared to wet food it is cheaper, less messy and better for teeth (which means less bad breath). The best diets are energy dense which means less stool to clean up and a healthier digestion. The best diets are: Royal Canin, Hill's and James Wellbeloved.