

Parasite Prevention

Fecal Samples/Deworming

Until your kitten is 16 weeks of age, we will be seeing your kitten every 3-4 weeks for vaccine boosters and deworming. We would like for you to bring a stool sample to each appointment, as one negative stool sample simply means we didn't see parasites in that particular sample. It takes 2-3 consecutive negative samples to convince us that a kitten has no parasites. Once the kitten vaccine and deworming series is complete, we advise checking a stool sample every 6 months for parasites that may get you and/or your kitty sick; this recommendation is based off of the Center for Disease Control (CDC).



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We will also be starting your kitten on preventative for fleas, ear mites, heartworm, and intestinal parasites. All of these parasites can cause aggravation for you and your pet, and can be potentially life threatening for your pet. These diseases can affect even indoor cats, as the organisms that spread these infections can get inside your home. Our hospital recommends using preventative medication throughout the entire year. The preventative we recommend (and stock here) is Bravecto®, as it provides excellent protection against fleas and ticks, and conveniently only needs to be administered every three months. Other options are available, but please consult with us before trying another product. Some companies will cover cost of treatment for product failure, but you must use the product regularly, year-round, monitor appropriately for treatment failure, and obtain the product from a veterinarian for the warranty to be valid — purchasing from an online pharmacy can easily invalidate the last portion of that warranty requirement.

