



## Planning for good health

**1. Right away** - take out Pet Health Insurance and get the nutrition right from the start - start with Hill's Science Plan Kitten then Hill's Neutered Cat Young Adult.

**2. At 9 to 12 weeks** - Primary Vaccination course. Start worming and flea prevention and keep these going for life.

**3. After Vaccination** - start regular Health Check with the nurse every 4 - 6 wks up to 12 months of age. Our nurses will help guide you through your kitten's development, toilet training and the best preventive health care.

**4. At 5 to 6 months** - Neutering and identichip.

Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Notes

Pet's Name

## Top Priorities for your Kitten



### **PET HEALTH INSURANCE with LIFE COVER**

Start before there's a problem! Ask our nurses for help in choosing a reliable insurance policy. *AVOID policies that only give cover for 12 months.*

**HIGH QUALITY FOOD** - for the best of health feed **HILL'S SCIENCE PLAN KITTEN - VETESSENTIALS** *You'll get 1 - 2 motions a day instead of 4 -5 ( + you'll save on cat litter). Less hair shedding, less smell, and much improved health. Cost? - less than 60p / day for an adult!*

**VACCINATION** - against Flu, Enteritis & Feline Leukaemia.

+ Rabies vaccination if you intend to travel overseas with your cat.

**WORM with MILBEMAX** - every 2 weeks to 12 weeks of age, then monthly up to 6 months of age, then 3 monthly for life.

**CONTROL of Fleas, Ticks, Ear mites, etc.**

Use licenced veterinary treatments only. Ask the vet for the best product for your pets, and treat all your cats and dogs all year round.

*Be aware that most flea products on sale at pet shops, internet or supermarkets just don't work and some can even do harm.*

**NEUTERING** is recommended at 5 - 6 months.

**idENTICHIP** - Electronic ID - do it today - lasts for life.

**FELIWAY Plug-In Diffuser** - to help you kitten settle in and to help calm your other cats. Use **FELIWAY Spray** for relaxed car travel.

**TEETH CARE** - feed a quality dry food like **Science Plan**.

+ *Annual dental polishing under anaesthetic from 3 years of age.*

**Visit our website: [www.vet-healthcentre.co.uk](http://www.vet-healthcentre.co.uk)**

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## Information Leaflets

Available free from reception.

- Finding the right diet.
- Successful slimming.
- Your cat's dental assessment.
- Anaesthetic safety explained.
- Litter training your cat.
- How to worm your cats.
- Flea prevention.
- Benefits of neutering cats.
- Behaviour therapy.

Is your cat's behaviour less than perfect?

*We can help sort out your cat's emotional problems.*



Nervousness?  
Scratching & Biting?  
Aggression to other cats?  
Toileting problems?  
Killing birds?

◆ Ask at reception for details of our behavioural services.

## Your cat's Healthcare Budget

Estimated costs per year:

Worming 4 x/year	£25
Flea Prevention	£85
Annual Booster	£50
Health Insurance (PetPlan)	~£150 (inc. with age of cat)
Medical problems not insured	£100 (£0 - £300)
Boarding for 2 wks	£100 (£0 - £100)
Litter, Toys, Treats, Equipment,	£120 (£50 - £200)
Quality food (Hills Science Plan)	£240
	~ <b>£870</b>

+ Once only costs - neutering, identichip.

### Most Costly Mistakes

- 1) If you don't insure your cat's health you may have costs up to £1000 - £2500 for serious injury or disease.
- 2) If you feed canned food, small tubs or sachets you may be paying 2 - 3 times as much for a poorer quality food.

### Biggest Health Mistakes

- 1) Obesity - overweight cats have more medical problems.
- 2) Not neutering - neutering prevents a host of problems.
- 3) Neglecting dental care - bad teeth cause ill health.
- 4) Not vaccinating against fatal diseases.
- 5) No identification - use a Cat Collar with a name tag.

Even if your cat has an Identichip you still need to use a cat collar as a clear indicator that this cat is not a stray! Put your name, address and phone no. on one side and "VET 01254 53622" on the other side. Our phone is always answered even if you are away. Your cat will be returned to a safe place even if you are not at home. Our nurse will show you how to fit a cat collar safely.



## Cat walks in garden....

- One flea jumps onto cat.
- Flea lays 1000 eggs that scatter around the house!
- Eggs form into adult fleas in ~ 2 - 4wks.
- One flea can result in 1000 fleas in 4wks



Wise pet owners prevent flea infestation by routine flea prevention .

- Ask for our leaflet on Flea & Tick control for guidance on the best product for your cat.
- Use only licenced veterinary products, many treatments on general sale just don't work.
- Treat ALL your dogs and cats - all year round.

**Planning ahead prevents problems**