

**Pet Partners
139 Shaw St.
Fall River, MA 02724
508-672-4813**

CAT OWNERS-

Please read the following information regarding Rabies and Feline Leukemia vaccinations for cats. You will have two options to choose from for the Rabies vaccine.

(Legally ALL cats are required to be vaccinated against Rabies, even if they are indoors at all times).

As you probably know, unwanted reactions to vaccines do occur. The most common reactions we and our pets experience are soreness and a small lump at the vaccination site. Occasionally an allergic reaction will occur and result in hives and facial swelling. The reactions to vaccines that we are most concerned about rarely happens (approximately 1-10 cases / 10,000 vaccinations) but do result in tumor formation or cancer at the vaccination site. (This does not seem to happen in dogs).

In cats the two vaccines that have the highest correlation with tumor formation are for Rabies and Feline Leukemia. Scientists do not know exactly why the tumor reaction occurs but they suspect an added ingredient (called an adjuvant that was used to help stimulate the immune system) caused the problem. In order to eliminate the possibility of tumor formation with vaccinations the drug companies have developed adjuvant-free vaccines.

The “new” Rabies vaccine is now available at Pet Partners. This vaccine is good for 1 year only and has to be boosted yearly. The cost is \$ 22.

The “old” Rabies vaccine is still available and still costs \$ 10. The vaccine is good for 1-3 years depending on the age of your cat and where you reside. We have decided to keep this vaccine available (even though it may not be as safe as the new one) because we know that many of our clients have cats that live outside and are difficult to catch and bring in for yearly veterinary visits. The “old” vaccine is better than no vaccine but we will let you decide which vaccine you want your cat to receive.

The new Feline Leukemia vaccine is the only one we will offer and the cost is now \$ 22.

Please feel free to ask questions.

Regarding lumps at a vaccination sites:

A biopsy will be recommended if - the lump persists for more than 3 months,
it is bigger than 2 cm (about the size of an olive),
it is increasing in size 1 month after vaccination.

I have read the above information and choose the” NEW” or “OLD” vaccine for _____

Name_____

Date_____

