

A Checkup Checklist For Cats of All Ages

WHAT TO ASK your veterinarian

One of the most important ways to help keep your feline friend healthy and happy is a **veterinary examination** at least annually, at every stage of life. Use this checklist as a helpful reminder of questions to consider asking your veterinarian. And if you ever have questions or concerns about your cat's health, call your veterinarian right away.



KITTEN 0-12 mos

- Do I need to spay/neuter my kitten?
- When should my kitten be spayed/neutered?
- Should my kitten be microchipped?
- How can I get my kitten comfortable with the car?
 - With his carrier?
 - With tooth brushing?
 - With coming to the veterinary clinic?
- Is there an optimal vaccination schedule?
- What should I feed my kitten?
- What's the best way to prevent fleas, ticks and other parasites?
- How do I set up a proper litter box?
- Are there behaviors I should encourage or discourage in my kitten?
- Should I get a scratching post or toys?

YOUNG ADULT 1-6 yrs

- What ongoing vaccinations does my cat need?
- Do I need to change my cat's diet?
- How much should my cat weigh?
- How much activity does my cat need?
- How can I keep my cat's teeth clean?
- Does my cat need a dental cleaning?
- How can I keep my cat from scratching the furniture?
- When should I bring my cat back for its next checkup?

MATURE ADULT 7-10 yrs

- How much should my cat weigh?
- Is it normal for my cat to be less active?
- Does my cat's diet need to change?
- What vaccinations does my cat need?
- Does my cat need a dental cleaning?
- Is it normal for my cat to vomit now and then?
- What physical and behavioral changes should I watch for?
- What's the best way to prevent fleas, ticks and other parasites?
- Does my cat need any special blood tests or urinalysis?
- When should I bring my cat back for its next checkup?

SENIOR 10+

- Should I change or supplement my cat's diet?
- What physical and behavioral changes should I be looking for?
- Do I need to modify my cat's litter box?
- Does my cat need any special blood tests or urinalysis?
- When should I bring my cat back for its next checkup?

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