

TODAY IN THE U.S., MORE CATS ARE INFECTED WITH RABIES THAN ANY OTHER PET – ABOUT 300 CASES EACH YEAR.² ALL IT TAKES TO CONTRACT THIS DEADLY DISEASE IS EXPOSURE TO AN INFECTED ANIMAL THROUGH A SCRATCH, CUT OR BITE.¹

Fortunately, there's something you can do. A simple vaccination is the best way to help protect your cat against rabies. Even if kept strictly indoors, it is recommended that your cat be vaccinated – and it's usually required by law.³

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

Don't leave garbage or pet food outdoors where it may attract wild or stray animals.

Observe all wild animals from a distance.

If you see a wild animal acting strangely, report it to your local animal control authorities.

ADVANCED PROTECTION AGAINST A FATAL DISEASE.

Your veterinarian chooses PUREVAX Feline Rabies vaccine for many important reasons:

It's formulated just for cats and kittens.

It's proven.⁵

And it's the ONLY nonadjuvanted feline rabies vaccine available.

PUREVAX Feline Rabies vaccine gives your cat protection that's pure, safe and effective.

If you have any questions about vaccination against rabies, ask your veterinarian.



¹ Kahn CM. *Merck Veterinary Manual* 2009. 9th ed. Whitehouse Station, NJ: Merck & Co., Inc; 2009:1067-1071.

² Blanton JD, Palmer D, Dyer J, Rupprecht CE. Rabies surveillance in the United States during 2010. *JAVMA* 2011; 239(6):773-783.

³ American Association of Feline Practitioners 2006 Feline Vaccination Guidelines. <http://www.catvets.com/uploads/PDF/FINALVaccineTable12.15.pdf>. Accessed March 27, 2012.

⁴ Greene CE, Rupprecht CE. Chapter 22 – Rabies and Other Lyssavirus Infections. In: Greene CE, ed. *Infectious Diseases of the Dog and Cat*. 3rd ed. Philadelphia: WB Saunders Co., 2006:167-182.

⁵ Data on file at Merial.

⁶ Greene CE, Schultz RD. Chapter 100 – Immunoprophylaxis. In: Greene CE, ed. *Infectious Diseases of the Dog and Cat*. 3rd ed. Philadelphia: WB Saunders Co., 2006:1077,1096.

⁷ Day MJ, Schoon HA, Magnol JP, et al. A kinetic study of histopathological changes in the subcutis of cats injected with non-adjuvanted and adjuvanted multi-component vaccines. *Vaccine* 2007;25:4073-4084.

⁸ PUREVAX Feline Rabies Product Label.



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IT'S ALWAYS FATAL.

IS YOUR CAT PROTECTED?



WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is an acute viral infection that can affect all mammals. The disease is almost always caused by the bite of an infected animal that has rabies virus in its saliva. It's always fatal once clinical signs appear.¹

What if my cat has possibly been exposed?

If your cat has been bitten by or exposed to a wild or potentially rabid animal, talk with your veterinarian immediately and report it to local animal control authorities. Even if your cat has a current rabies vaccination, it's still important to contact your veterinarian.



SIGNS OF RABIES.

Once the rabies virus enters the body, it travels along the nerves to the brain. It can take a matter of days, weeks or months for an infected animal to show signs of rabies.¹

Infected cats may show sudden behavioral changes in temperament, aggression and signs of apprehension. Seizures and tremors that can lead to paralysis are also common.¹

Unvaccinated cats that are exposed to a rabid animal may need to be euthanized or placed in strict isolation for six months.¹ Check with your veterinarian or local public health official for requirements.



VACCINATE YOUR CAT.

To give your cat the protection it needs, this clinic recommends vaccination with **PUREVAX® Feline Rabies** vaccine.

It's a highly effective and proven annual rabies vaccine developed just for cats and kittens.⁵ PUREVAX Feline Rabies vaccine also protects without the need for adjuvants, additives that may present potential risks to feline patients, such as injection site reactions and chronic inflammation.^{6,7} PUREVAX Feline Rabies Vaccine is the only nonadjuvanted rabies vaccine available for cats and kittens.

This makes **PUREVAX Feline Rabies** vaccine a smart choice, and it is approved for use in kittens as young as 12 weeks old.⁸



If you have any questions about feline rabies vaccines, ask your veterinarian.