



## **Navajo Nation Animal Control Program**

**Ft. Defiance Shelter – (928) 729-4023**

**Many Farms Shelter – (928) 781-4380**

**Shiprock Shelter – (505) 368-1235**

# **Feline 4-way Vaccination**

**ANIMAL WELLNES SERVICES – Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month**

Whether you're providing a healthy foundation for your new kitten or maintaining your cat's health throughout the years, vaccinations are a vital part of your cat's overall wellbeing. Regular vaccinations can effectively prevent serious feline diseases such as parvo, distemper, rabies and hepatitis, just to name a few.

It is recommended that kittens receive a series of 3 vaccinations beginning at 6-8 weeks of age, the last of which should be around 16 weeks of age. All adult cats require an annual vaccination to prevent disease.

Most vaccines for cats combine protection for multiple illnesses.

### **4-Way Vaccines (Basic Protection or Core Vaccines)**

These are considered core vaccines that we recommend for kittens and cats. They are often referred to as 4-way vaccines. They include prevention for:

1. **Rhinotracheitis** A viral disease that can cause high fever, sneezing, runny nose, conjunctivitis and ulcers on the surface of the eye. There is no cure; the only treatment is supporting the body by maintaining hydration and preventing secondary infections with antibiotics.
2. **Calicivirus** A viral infection that primarily causes upper respiratory issues, but it can also cause ulcers in the mouth, pneumonia and occasionally arthritis.
3. **Panleukopenia** Is a very serious viral disease that primarily causes gastrointestinal signs, including vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, severe dehydration and changes in the blood and immune system. Death is common. No specific treatment is available, but aggressive supportive care is required.
4. **Chlamydia** Is a bacterial infection which causes a painful inflammation and swelling of the conjunctiva or the membrane around the eyes as well as upper respiratory infections.

**Navajo Nation Animal Control Message:** It is important to vaccinate your cats to prevent diseases

- Keep your cat home to prevent the spread of contagious diseases to other animals
- If your kitten or cat is sick, seek veterinary care
- Only healthy animals can be vaccinated.