AC-04 VACCINES - CAT

**Purpose**

To define the vaccine protocol for cats of all ages in HSWM care, to minimize transfer of disease.

**Policy**

All cats will be vaccinated on intake and follow the guidelines of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) for boosters of those vaccines until full immunity is reached or they are no longer in our care.

**Staff /Areas Affected**

• Animal Care Staff

• Vet Team

**Definitions**

**Vaccine:** live, modified live, or killed virus that is injected subcutaneously to stimulate a cat’s immune system to produce antibodies to that virus, therefore giving some immunity to that virus.

**ShelterLuv** – Database used by HSWM for all tracking of customers, animals and associated service

**Zoetis FELOCELL 3**: modified live virus vaccine, administered via subcutaneous injection, to protect against feline rhinotracheitis, calici virus, and panleukopenia (abbreviated as FVRCP).

**Defenser 1**: Killed virus vaccine for rabies (abbreviated as RV)

**Defenser 3**: Killed virus vaccine for rabies (abbreviated RV)

**Vanguard Intranasal** - Intranasal modified live virus vaccine for adenovirus type 2, parainfluenza, and bordetella bronchiseptica (abbreviated as Bord.)

**Responsibilities**

Director of Animal Care and Behavior, Shelter Manager, Veterinarian and Vet Techs are responsible for monitoring, delivering, and documenting parts of this procedure.

**Procedures**

1. Follow provided flow chart upon intake.

2. If you are not able to immediately vaccinate the cat upon intake you MUST write the cat’s information on the sick list so that vet staff can vaccinate as soon as possible.

3. All vaccine information, whether from another veterinarian, rescue, or performed here must be placed in ShelterLuv with appropriate vaccine booster due dates.

4. FRCP: Start vaccine series at 4 weeks of age, booster every 2 until kitten is 18 weeks of age, then booster yearly. If cat is over 20 weeks of age vaccinate on intake and booster vaccine in 3 weeks, then booster yearly.

5. Rabies - Can be given as early as 12 weeks of age. First vaccine is good for 1 year. Subsequent boosters are good for 3 years. Can only be given by a Veterinarian

**Reference Documents**

• AC-04 Vaccine – Cat Flow Chart

**Revision History**

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