

## FACTS ABOUT VACCINATIONS

- Vaccinations are dead, inactive, or modified disease agents that cause the immune system to produce antibodies and “memory cells” specific to the disease.
- Vaccination is the best way to prepare a pet’s immune system to stop infections when the “real” disease strikes.
- The benefits of vaccination greatly outweigh the risks.
- Vaccines have saved the lives of millions upon millions of cats and dogs.

## TODAY’S FELINE DISEASE THREATS

### **Enteric Diseases:**

- Panleukopenia Virus

### **Respiratory Diseases:**

- Feline Calicivirus
- Rhinotracheitis
- Chlamydia
- Kennel Cough

### **Retroviral Diseases:**

- Feline Leukemia Virus
- Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV)

### **Water-Borne Diseases:**

- Giardia

### **Zoonotic Diseases:**

- Rabies
- Giardia

There are many ways for pets to be exposed to disease-causing organisms. Healthy appearing animals can spread viruses and bacteria. You could unknowingly carry disease-causing organisms to a pet on hands, clothing, or shoes. When such exposures occur, a pet’s immune system needs to be prepared. Vaccinating your pet as recommended by your veterinarian can protect him/her from serious illness or death.