VACCINE	WHAT IT IS	WHICH CATS NEED IT ?
* In North Carolina, must be at least 12 weeks old then given 1 year later then every 1 to 3 yrs	Highly fatal / deadly virus that is spread from the bites or scratches from animals that carry it in their saliva (Foxes, skunks, raccoons, coyotes and bats are the most common carriers)	EVERY CAT! Rabies is required by law because it can be spread to people * ~55,000 PEOPLE die each year from Rabies (mostly in Africa & Asia)
FELINE DISTEMPER INCLUDES * Panleukopenia = Cat Distemper (Parvo Virus in cats) * Rhinotracheitis * Calicivirus (Herpes Virus) * Chlamydia - especially in Kittens) * Start as early as 8 weeks old give every 3-5 weeks until at least 16 weeks old then continue into adulthood	These 3 viruses do NOT require direct contact between cats to spread the viruses can be introduced by blankets, clothing, shoes, etc 1) Panleukopenia / Distemper = Very contagious and highly fatal virus that affects the bone marrow and intestines 2) Rhinotracheitis = Very contagious respiratory virus 3) Calicivirus = Very contagious respiratory virus Chlamydia = Bacterial infection that causes respiratory infections and (commonly) eye infections. It requires direct (or very close) contact from an infected cat to spread to another cat	Highly recommended for EVERY KITTEN and EVERY NEWLY-ACQUIRED CAT! These 3 primary viruses do NOT require direct contact between cats to spread the viruses can be introduced by blankets, clothing, shoes, etc
FELINE LEUKEMIA * Start as early as 8 weeks old give a booster 3-5 weeks later then continue into adulthood	A <u>highly fatal disease caused by a virus</u> that is spread by <u>direct contact between cats</u> (through saliva and blood ~ such as cats that groom one another or through cat fights)	We recommend Feline Leukemia for all kittens or newly-acquired cats. And crucially important for cats that go outdoors! We have a 12-minute blood test that can check any cat for Feline Leukemia as well as FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus = Feline AIDS). While not required prior to vaccinating, it is recommended While you may have the intention of keeping your kitten / cat exclusively indoors, as they mature, they may decide they want to get out and explore. If after a year or so, and your cat is clearly happy to remain 100% inside, it will not be necessary to continue with Feline Leukemia vaccines as long as it has no contact with an outdoor cat!