

HANOVER GREEN VETERINARY CLINIC

What you need to know...

WELCOME!

Thank you for trusting us with the care of your new pet. This brochure has information on the care your new cat needs to stay healthy.

We are here to answer any questions that you may have. Call us anytime during our business hours. If our receptionists or technicians cannot answer your question, one of our doctors can and are available by appointment.

To start your new kitten on the right path to wellness we offer a discounted package outlined below.

KITTEN PACKAGE

Includes everything a kitten or young cat needs for a healthy beginning

INCLUDES:

- 2 FPR Vaccinations** Given at 8 & 12 weeks with Physical Exam each visit
- 2 Stool Checks** Given at 8 & 12 weeks
- 1 FLV/FIV Test** Blood test on 1st visit
- 2 FLV Vaccinations** Given at 8 & 12 weeks
- 2 Dewormings** Given at 8 & 12 weeks
- 1 Rabies Vaccination** Given at 12 weeks

Regular Price \$378.00

Package Price \$302.00

Saving You \$76.00

If your pet is unable to complete all outpatient services within this package, refunds are available at non-discounted prices on services rendered.

**FOR YOUR NEW ADULT FELINE PET...
...take advantage of our discounted
Wellness or Geriatric Package
options for optimal care.
Ask Staff for Details**

VACCINATIONS

FPR – This is a combination vaccine including Panleukopenia Rhinotracheitis and Calicivirus. We vaccinate kittens starting at 8 weeks of age. A second vaccination is given 3-4 weeks later and then updated annually.

Panleukopenia (Distemper) – A viral disease that affects blood cells.

Rhinotracheitis and Calicivirus (Upper Respiratory)
These diseases are very contagious, with high mortality rates.

Rabies – A viral disease of all warm blooded animals including humans. This virus causes damage to the brain and death. The 1st rabies vaccine should be given at 3 months or older and is effective for one year. We recommend an annual one year vaccine. Three year vaccinations are available, but due to a higher incidence of cancer at the injection site we do not recommend three year Rabies vaccinations for our feline patients.

Feline Leukemia – A virus that is usually deadly. This disease varies in its symptoms but can be very severe. Leukemia is usually contracted through direct contact so this vaccine is strongly recommended for all outdoor cats. We recommend testing before vaccinating.

OTHER DISEASES & HARMFUL PARASITES

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) – Infected cats may appear normal for years. It is also characterized by progressively deteriorating health and/or recurrent illness. Eventually FIV will hinder the cat's ability to protect itself against other infections. Primarily transmitted through biting, the most frequently infected cats are free-roaming, aggressive males. We recommend testing for new cats or kittens with limited known history and for your cat that has been bitten by an unfamiliar one. Keeping your cat indoors is the best protection.

Intestinal Parasites – Cats can get roundworms, hookworms, coccidia, giardia and tapeworms. We check for these parasites in a small stool sample and treat as necessary. Identifying intestinal parasites is important as some of these parasites can be passed along to humans.

Fleas and Ticks – Fleas and ticks are a nuisance and a health concern. Ticks can transmit tick borne diseases. There are some excellent products on the market now to control both. Please check with our staff before using any over-the-counter product, even if the label states that it is safe. Some of these products contain ingredients that can be extremely harmful and/or toxic to your cat.

WE RECOMMEND:

Advantage® – A topical treatment that is applied in a small amount on the back of your cat and kills fleas on contact for one month.

Frontline® – Another topical treatment that is applied in the same way as Advantage only it kills both fleas and ticks on contact.

Capstar® – Oral tablet kills fleas in 20 minutes and continues killing up to 24 hours.

**PLEASE ASK THE DOCTOR FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON THESE PRODUCTS**

WELLNESS & PROTECTION

Spaying and Neutering – We recommend that this be done at 6 months of age. The female cat benefits from spaying by preventing heat cycles and unwanted breeding, as well as vaginal and uterine infections. Spaying also decreases the chance of mammary tumors. The male cat benefits, too. Neutered male cats tend to be more affectionate and are less likely to wander. Neutering your male cat will eliminate the strong odor of their urine and spraying. It also helps to prevent prostate and testicular cancer.

ALL packages include a 50% discount on any future dental procedure and spay/neuter as well as discounted pricing on:

\$20 Microchip (\$50 value)

NO EXPIRATION!

These Discounted Services are NOT Included in Package Price

Identification – Always keep identification tags on your cat. Include your name, cat's name and one or two phone numbers where you may be reached (feel free to add ours as well). For added protection, we offer and recommend the HomeAgain® Microchip. This permanent ID can be performed at any time, but many find it convenient to do during spay or neuter procedure.

Soft Paws® or Declawing – If your feline friend is slowly destroying your furniture and curtains, we advise first giving them a scratching post and trimming their nails regularly. If this does not work, an excellent option we offer is Soft Paws®. Developed by a veterinarian, these nail caps are extremely safe and non-toxic. Tolerated well and so comfortable most cats do not realize they're wearing them. Application is simple, not requiring sedation unless the cat is difficult to handle. Lasting approximately 4-6 weeks depending on the growth of the nail, clear or a choice of basic colors are available. As a last resort the front paws can be declawed. Your cat will always need to be kept indoors after declawing. Be aware that teeth may be used more often by a declawed cat.

Diet – We recommend Hill's® Science Diet, Purina One and Royal Canin foods. Cats need to be fed on an individual basis and appropriately for their life-stage. Ask the doctor for your cat's requirements and tips on healthy nutrition for your pet. Also it is best to reward your cat with cat treats, not table scraps and avoid these foods: dairy products, onion, cocoa/chocolate, liver and raw fish.

Grooming – Cats are fastidious groomers, but still need some help from their owners, especially long haired cats. Routine brushing will help prevent hairballs and mats as well as keep their coat healthy and shiny. Bathing is not necessary for your cat unless they are excessively dirty.

Hazards – Items we may not think about can be dangerous not only for kittens, but for our full-grown friends as well. Some dangers include:

Electrical Cords – These can be particularly dangerous when teething.

Bones – It only takes one bone to splinter and stick in the throat or cause an intestinal perforation.

Greenery – The following plants are toxic: aloe, azalea, clematis, cherry, eucalyptus, ferns, ivy, lily, narcissus, oleander, philodendron, poinsettia, rhododendron, sweet pea and tobacco.

Poisons – Please call us immediately if your cat gets into any of these items: medications (including ibuprofen, aspirin, and acetaminophen), insecticides, rat/mouse poison, bleach, disinfectants, antifreeze, gasoline, or solvents.

Emergencies – Of course it would be nice if emergencies only happened during business hours, but rarely are they so convenient. Should a life-threatening emergency arise **our Weekend Emergency Service is open 24 hours Friday PM – Monday AM and holidays.** For weekdays afterhours we recommend:

Veterinary Referral & Critical Care

1596 Hockett Road

Manakin-Sabot, Virginia 23103

(804) 784-VRCC (8722)

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FULL PAYMENT is DUE at the Time of Package Purchase

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Caring for your New Feline Friend



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Saturday 8:30am – 1pm
Sunday 4 – 6pm (boarding pickup only)

24 Hour Weekend Emergency
Friday PM - Monday AM
and Holidays