

VACCINATIONS



Everything you need to know about our vaccination protocols.

What are our requirements?

At Hobbits Knob Cat Retreat, it is a condition of boarding that all our feline guests are up to date with their *annual* vaccinations. We require a minimum of an F3 vaccination, which covers:

- *Feline Herpes Virus Type 1 (FHV-1; feline rhinotracheitis virus)*
- *Feline Calicivirus (FCV)*
- *Feline Panleukopenia (feline infectious enteritis; feline parvovirus)*

Why are annual vaccinations so important?

Annual vaccinations and health checks are detrimental to your cat's health and overall well-being. Vaccinations reduce the risk of your cat contracting highly contagious life-threatening diseases. Guidelines for booster vaccinations are continuously being debated around the world. The vaccines currently being used in Australia are labelled by the manufacturer to be given every 12 months. We support this and recommend that cats be vaccinated every 12 months, after the initial series of kitten vaccinations.

What if my cat has missed a vaccination?

If your cat is overdue or has missed a vaccination and you are needing to board with us soon, we would require a vaccination be given as soon as possible. Depending on how overdue your feline friend is, you may need to get a booster vaccine done four weeks after the initial vaccine. If this is the case, we would unfortunately not be able to board your precious puss until two weeks after the booster/second vaccine is done.



What is Titer Testing? Do you accept Titer Testing?

A titer test is a blood test that measures the amount of antibody in the blood to a given disease agent. Some veterinarians will recommend Titer testing over yearly vaccines. There has been insufficient testing of the cat's immunity response when in a boarding facility and its effect on the cat's immunity at the time of boarding. Also, the results of the Titre testing may be inaccurate, pending the current health and wellbeing of the cat. Cat's health and wellbeing change, especially as they age, therefore, immunity response varies. E.g. The cat may have had Titre testing 2 years prior to boarding, but has since developed an illness, which decreases its immunity, making it more susceptible to disease when exposed to a multi-cat environment, away from home. For these reasons, we do not currently accept Titer testing as proof of vaccination.

My cat is an indoor cat and healthy, do I need to vaccinate?

Yes, even if your cat is an indoor cat and not exposed to other cats, it is still important to vaccinate your cat yearly. This is purely for their own protection when in a boarding facility. Our strict vaccination policy ensures all cats that stay with us have adequate coverage against the above-mentioned viruses. We never at any point board cats presenting symptoms of these viruses but once a cat has contracted them, it can stay in their system and shed into their environment indefinitely (without displaying symptoms).

My cat is ill and/or very old and my veterinarian has requested I no longer do yearly vaccinations. Can my cat still board with you?

Yes, if your Veterinarian has suggested you no longer conduct yearly vaccinations with your cat due to health reasons, we are still able to board your cat. We would require a signed letter from your Vet and for you to sign a waiver form before boarding stating that you understand the potential health risks to your cat. Your Vet will also need to determine, that should your cat be seriously ill, whether their immunity and general health would withstand a boarding facility.

Should you have any further questions or concerns regarding vaccinations and boarding, please contact us in office on (07)5478 9882. We also strongly recommend having a chat with your usual Veterinarian about your cat's immunity and general health before boarding.

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