



# WELCOME TO YORKSHIRE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Where your pets are family!

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Kitten Edition

# Congratulations on your new kitten!

## **First Kitten Exam (7-8 weeks)**

- Wellness examination
- 1st kitten vaccination FVRCP: Feline Calicivirus, Rhinotracheitis, Panleukopenia
- Stool sample to check for worms and parasites

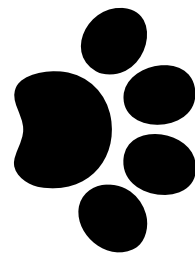
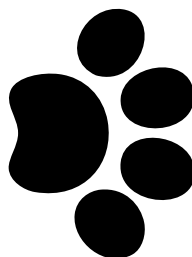
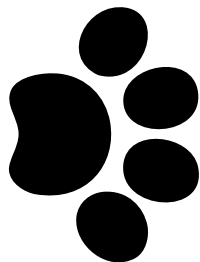
## **Second Kitten Exam (11-12 weeks)**

- Wellness examination
- 2nd kitten vaccination FVRCP
- Leukemia vaccine (if appropriate)

## **Final Kitten Exam (15-16 weeks)**

- Wellness examination
- Final FVRCP booster
- Rabies vaccination
- Leukemia vaccine (if appropriate)

**Spay/Neuter is to be discussed with your veterinarian.**



# Feline Friendly Tips



## Kennel Tips:

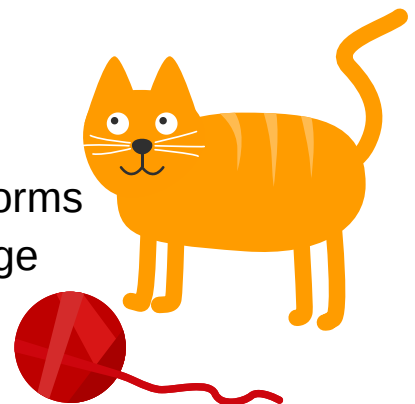
- Try not to only kennel your cat for trips to the vet. Bring the kennel out a few days in advance of your appointment to help your cat become familiar. If you see your cat sniffing, entering, and hanging out next to its kennel, make sure to reward this behavior!
- Help your cat feel more at home by making the kennel smell familiar. Try putting your cat's favorite blanket or some toys in their kennel.
- If your kitty is usually skittish, try covering the crate with a blanket or towel when traveling-- this can help your cat feel less stressed.

## At your appointment:

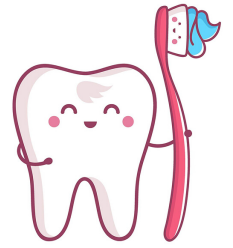
- Worry not! All of our staff here at Yorkshire are Fear Free certified; it is our mission to make sure your kitty is as comfortable as possible here in our office.
- Remember, less is more with cats! Let your cat tell you what they need and respect them when they need a break. If they are still having trouble, ask your vet about calming medications.
- Cats are so smart, they can tell when their owner is stressed! Try to schedule visits with plenty of time; a calm owner is much more likely to have a calm cat.

## Feliway:

- Feliway is a pheromone product that comes in many forms that has been shown to help calm kitties and discourage negative behaviors. Ask us for more information!



# Brushing Teeth



Teaching your cat to accept the brushing of its teeth will take some training, but will be very beneficial to his or her overall health once your cat is accustomed to the process. Daily brushing is best and will help to establish a routine for your pet. If your schedule cannot accommodate daily brushing, a twice weekly routine is acceptable.

## Helpful Tips:

- It is best to teach your cat to allow brushing while he/she is still a kitten. An older cat may require a longer adjustment period.
- Be in-tune to your cat's patience threshold. Once it is reached, stop and start again another day.
- Do not forget to praise and reward your cat.

Pet toothpaste is recommended for two main reasons: the flavor is very appealing to most cats and enzymes in the paste provide additional cleansing actions, thereby reducing the amount of physical brushing you must perform. (Note: Human toothpaste is not appropriate as it can upset your cat's stomach and it often contains excessive levels of sodium for cats).

## Establishing a Routine:

1. Choose a quiet time and place to brush.
2. Hold your cat securely in your lap.
3. Present a little toothpaste to your cat on your finger or a soft cloth; let him/her sniff and taste it. Show them that it is not something to be feared.
4. Over time, progress to rubbing your finger over the cat's teeth in a back and forth motion. Be careful to stay on the outside surface of the teeth to avoid accidental biting.
5. Once the cat is comfortable with the rubbing motion, introduce him/her to being held for a brushing.
6. Begin by placing your hand over your cat's head with your thumb and index finger on opposite sides of his/her upper jaw.
7. Once the cat is comfortable being held in that position, apply a small amount of veterinary toothpaste to a veterinary toothbrush. (A finger-brush toothbrush works well for most cats).
8. Gently raise his/her lip on one side and start by brushing one or two teeth by placing the brush along the gum-line and brushing in a circular motion. Start from the back and move to the front.
9. To effectively brush the lower teeth, you will need to open your cat's mouth a little. This can be accomplished by gently tilting his/her head backward while holding onto the upper jaw with your thumb and index finger as described above.
10. Do not worry about brushing the tops or insides of the teeth unless your cat is extremely compliant. Most of the build-up and disease occurs on the outer surface of the teeth, so focus your efforts there.
11. Gradually work up to brushing all of the teeth after several days/weeks (depending on your cat's acceptance of the procedure).
12. After your routine is established, try to brush for approximately 30 seconds on each side.

# Toxic Substances

Human food is not for pets, but here is a list of some especially dangerous foods, plants, and household substances:

## Dangerous Foods:

- Almonds
- Apricots
- Avocados
- Balsam pears
- Chocolate
- Coffee
- Grapes
- Plums
- Potatoes (raw with green skin)
- Macadamia nuts
- Mushrooms
- Onions
- Raisins
- Yeast



## Dangerous Plants:

- Aloe
- Azaleas
- Baby's breath
- Lilies
- Rhubarb
- Spinach
- Tomato leaves/stems
- Tulips
- Mistletoe
- Mushrooms
- Wild cherry



## Dangerous Household items:

- Alcohol
- Acetaminophen
- Antifreeze
- Bleach
- Cleaning Products
- Compost Piles
- Fertilizer
- Gasoline
- Ibuprofen
- Insecticides
- Nail polish and remover
- Rat Poison
- Sleeping pills
- Vitamins
- Xylitol



# Helpful Resources

## ***Local Emergency Clinics***

### **Animal ER Care (AERC)**

Phone: (719) 260-7141

5520 N Nevada Ave #150, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

### **Powers Pet Emergency (PPER)**

Phone: (719) 476-5771

5886 Tutt Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80923



## ***Specialists***

### **Southern Colorado Veterinary Internal Medicine (SCVIM)**

Address: 5520 N Nevada Ave #110, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Phone: (719) 272-4004

### **Colorado Canine Orthopedics (CCO)**

Address: 5528 N Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Phone: (719) 264-6666

### **Animal Allergy and Dermatology**

Phone: (719) 358-2636

Address: 5520 N Nevada Ave #100, Colorado Springs, CO 80918

### **Animal Emergency and Specialty**

Address: 17701 Cottonwood Dr, Parker, CO 80134

Phone: (720) 842-5050

### **Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Hospital (VRCC)**

Address: 3550 S Jason St, Englewood, CO 80110

Phone: (303) 874-7387

# What About Pet Insurance?

It can be tough to sift through the legal jargon included in many pet insurance informational packets. After you do some research online and find a few companies you might like to work with, it's time to dig a little deeper. Use this list of questions to find the level of care that's just right for you and your pet.

1. Is the company licensed in your state? Which of their policies are available in your state?
2. Does the company have a good reputation? What do the Better Business Bureau or other independent organizations have to say about it? How long has the company been around?
3. Are the policies and information provided reasonably easy to understand? Are the people you talk to knowledgeable and helpful?
4. Does the company offer customer service during reasonable hours?
5. Can you see any veterinarian you want?
6. Have premiums increased over the past few years? If so, by how much?
7. What happens to coverage and premiums as your pet gets older?
8. Are there any reasons you wouldn't be able to renew your policy?
9. What type of coverage and co-insurance does the policy require?
10. Is there a "usual and customary charges" clause? How are those limits determined?
11. What kinds of care are excluded or limited? Are congenital or hereditary diseases covered? What about cancer? Is dental care covered?
12. Are conditions diagnosed within one year excluded as preexisting conditions the next?
13. Are benefits available for wellness or preventive care for your pet?
14. Can you choose a deductible? Can you change the deductible from year to year? Is the deductible annual or is it applied to each medical incident?
15. Are the waiting periods before coverage begins reasonable?
16. Is there a maximum age for enrollment?
17. Are there limits per incident, per year, per lifetime, or per body system? What are those limits?
18. Is a physical examination required for enrollment or renewal?
19. How quickly are claims processed and paid?
20. Are there any billing fees or discounts?

	<b>ASPCA</b>	<b>Embrace</b>	<b>Figo</b>	<b>Nationwide</b>	<b>Petplan</b>	<b>Pets Best</b>
<b>How is wellness, non-illness or non-injury care covered?</b>	Preventive Care coverage is available	Wellness Rewards (which works like a Health Savings Account) reimburses for everyday veterinary, training and grooming costs	N/A	Plans with wellness (like Whole Pet Plan) or plans with a wellness rider are available	N/A	Two tiers of routine care coverage are available
<b>Are veterinarians paid directly?</b>	Not typically	Yes, when requested by the policyholder and agreed to by the veterinary practice	Not typically	No	Yes, when requested by the policyholder and agreed to by the veterinary practice.	Yes, this is an option
<b>Does the plan offer a trial period to pet owners?</b>	Money-back guarantee within 30 days of policy effective date	30-day money-back guarantee	30-day free look of insurance and Pet Cloud service	Money-back guarantee	30-day trial period in states that allow it; 30-day money-back guarantee where applicable	Trial period, except in New York
<b>Do plans use a No benefit schedule?</b>	No, except for Wellness coverage	No	No	Varies based on plan	No	No, except for routine care coverage
<b>Are therapeutic diets covered?</b>	Yes, if specifically prescribed to treat an eligible condition	Yes, with optional Wellness Rewards program	No, except in cases of therapeutic diets during treatment of bladder stones or urine crystals	Yes, on the Whole Pet Plan if prescribed to treat an eligible condition	No, only nutritional or herbal supplements for a coverable accident or illness	No
<b>What dental work is covered? Are prophylaxes covered? If so, under what circumstances?</b>	Dental cleanings are covered if they're for treatment of a covered illness, such as periodontal disease	Dental work for fractured teeth is covered. Prophylaxis is covered in the Wellness Rewards plan	Non-routine dental work can be eligible for coverage. Routine dental cleanings or prophylaxes are not covered	Varies depending on the plan and wellness rider	Dental procedures for injuries and illnesses, such as periodontal disease, are covered	BestBenefit plans include coverage for dental injuries. In addition, periodontal disease is covered with limitations
<b>Are exam fees for accidents or illnesses covered?</b>	Yes	Yes	With optional coverage	Yes	Yes	Yes