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Comprehensive Wellness Program for Kittens

Step 1. Physical Examination (During your kitten's examination we will do the following):

- Check ears, eyes, teeth and body condition
- Listen to heart and lungs
- Carefully feel the abdomen for any abnormalities
- Look for external parasites such as lice, ear mites, fleas or ticks
- Ensure that your kitten is eating properly

Step 2. FELV/FIV Test

- This blood test can be completed quickly in the clinic
- All kittens should be tested before introduction to a household.
- **Feline Leukemia (FELV)** and **Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV)** are associated with illness and death in more cats than any other infectious agent.
- Kittens can be infected from their mothers.
- There is currently no cure for either infection, but if your kitten is infected there are options for managing the disease to allow the pet to live a productive life.

Step 3. Protect Your Kitten From Parasites

An internal and external parasite examination is necessary to determine if your kitten has any of these parasites. Several products are available to help prevent infestation of the following parasites:

- Ear mites
- Fleas
- Ticks
- Mosquitoes
- Intestinal parasites

*** We will help you choose the **best** product(s) for your kitten

Step 4. Vaccinate To Guard Against Disease

The following vaccines are available at Wellington Veterinary Clinic. We will recommend specific vaccines based on your pet's lifestyle and potential exposure to these diseases.

- **Rabies**- This viral disease is always fatal and can be transmitted to humans.
- **Panleukopenia**- Feline distemper causes upper respiratory signs, vomiting, diarrhea and often death.
- **Calici Virus**- Upper respiratory signs including sneezing, eye/nose discharge, mouth ulcers
- **Rhinotracheitis**- Upper respiratory signs similar to calici virus

- **Feline Leukemia Virus**- Immune system virus causing signs as varied as anemia, chronic infections, and cancer
- **Feline Immunodeficiency Virus**

Step 5. Spay or Neuter

Your kitten will be placed under anesthesia for this procedure. We will perform preanesthetic bloodwork to help us determine your kitten's overall health status and ability to tolerate anesthesia. We will also administer pain medication to provide the greatest level of comfort during and after the surgery. We recommend spay/neuter between 4 and 6 months of age, but before 7 months of age. If necessary, kittens can be declawed at the same time as their spay or neuter. If the declaw is done we will use only laser surgery for the procedure. We have found that the laser is so far superior to traditional declaw surgery that we want all our patients to benefit from it.

Once your pet has graduated from kittenhood they should return yearly for their wellness examination. Any necessary vaccinations can be given at that time.