

# Establish Feline Preventative Care Guidelines For Your Practice

## What is a Feline Preventative Care Guideline (FPCG)?

It's the standard you set within your practice. Your clinic's FPCG defines the frequency of veterinary visits for each patient and sets a foundation for basic offerings - from vaccinations to disease testing.

Once you've established, or updated, your FPCG, the practice has set a bar for quality feline veterinary healthcare. Additional services may be necessary based on your assessment of each patient's specific risks and needs.

## Many practices will have already established Feline Preventative Care Guidelines (FPCG).

If you already have established FPCG, now is a good time to review and revise if necessary. This allows you to ensure your recommendations are based on the most up-to-date advice, and allow you to provide the best level of vet care to your feline patients. Now is a good time for veterinarians and key staff to review and revise if necessary. This helps provide a consistent level of care among all feline patients. Your clients will only believe in your recommendations as much as you and your staff do. Therefore, ensure your practice truly believes in your FPCG.

## Feline Preventative Care Guidelines (FPCG) menu.

We've listed common services and products

typically included in a practice's feline preventative care program. Customise your practice's FPCG by choosing services within this menu and combine this with additional offerings based on your experience.

1. Behavioural assessment.
2. Preventative care physical exam, or a health check.
3. Parasite control.
4. Dental examination or oral health discussion (included in the physical examination but emphasising it as a separate service conveys the importance to the client).
5. Vaccinations as determined by a risk assessment.
6. Early detection testing.

**When developing your practice's Feline Preventative Care Guidelines (FPCG)** on the next few pages, consider the patient's life stage. Older cats may require different services to ensure age-related health challenges are addressed early.

This can include changes in:

- Frequency of the preventative care health check.
- Disease detection testing.
- Discussions on patient behaviour.
- Nutrition counselling.

More frequent examinations may be required for senior and geriatric cats.

Consensus among the practice leadership for all of the services and products in the practice's FPCG is necessary for the program to be successful. If a particular service or product is not supported by all key staff members, then it should be omitted or viewed as optional within the FPCG.

