

## RABIES IS AN ISSUE.

**TODAY IN THE U.S.,  
MORE CATS ARE INFECTED  
WITH RABIES THAN ANY  
OTHER PET – ABOUT 250  
CASES EACH YEAR.<sup>2</sup> ALL  
IT TAKES TO CONTRACT  
THIS DEADLY DISEASE IS  
EXPOSURE TO AN INFECTED  
ANIMAL THROUGH A BITE  
(OR LESS COMMONLY  
A SCRATCH OR CUT).<sup>1</sup>**

## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- A simple vaccination is the best way to help protect your cat against rabies.
- Even if kept strictly indoors, it is recommended that your cat be vaccinated, and it is required by law in many parts of the country.<sup>3</sup>
- Don't leave garbage or pet food outdoors where it may attract wild or stray animals.
- Observe all wild animals from a distance.
- If you see a wild animal acting strangely, report it to your local animal control authorities.

## ADVANCED PROTECTION AGAINST A FATAL DISEASE.

Your veterinarian chooses PUREVAX Feline Rabies vaccine for many important reasons:

- *It's formulated just for cats and kittens.*
- *And it's the ONLY nonadjuvanted feline rabies vaccine available.*
- *PUREVAX Feline Rabies vaccine gives your cat proven<sup>5</sup> protection that's pure, safe and effective.*

If you have any questions about vaccination against rabies, ask your veterinarian.



<sup>1</sup> The Merck Veterinary Manual website. Overview of Rabies. Available at: [http://www.merckmanuals.com/vet/nervous\\_system/rabies/overview\\_of\\_rabies.html?qt=rabies](http://www.merckmanuals.com/vet/nervous_system/rabies/overview_of_rabies.html?qt=rabies) is 100 fatal&alt=sh. Accessed November 20, 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Dyer JL, Wallace R et al. Rabies surveillance in the United States during 2012. *JAVMA*. 2012;243(6):805-815.

<sup>3</sup> Scherk M, Ford R, Gaskell R, et al. The 2013 American Association of Feline Practitioners Feline Vaccine Advisory Report. *Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery*. 2013; (802)15:785-808.

<sup>4</sup> Greene CE. Rabies and other lyssavirus infections. In: Greene CE, ed. *Infectious Diseases of the Dog and Cat*. 4th ed. St Louis, MO: Elsevier Saunders, 2012:179-197.

<sup>5</sup> Data on file at Merial.

<sup>6</sup> Data on file at Merial.

<sup>7</sup> Greene CE, Schultz RD. Immunoprophylaxis. In: Greene, CE, ed. *Infectious Diseases of the Dog and Cat*. 4th ed. St Louis, MO: Elsevier Saunders, 2012:1163-1205.

<sup>8</sup> Day MJ, Schoon HA, Magnol JP, et al. A kinetic study of histopathological changes in the subcutis of cats injected with non-adjuvanted and adjuvanted multi-component vaccines. *Vaccine* 2007;25:4073-4084.

<sup>9</sup> PUREVAX Feline Rabies Product Label.



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## INFORMATION ABOUT FELINE RABIES

**VACCINATION AGAINST  
RABIES? ABSOLUTELY.**

**VACCINATION WITH  
ADJUVANTS?  
ABSOLUTELY NOT.**

Ask your vet today about why you want a nonadjuvanted rabies vaccine for your cat.



## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT RABIES.

- Rabies is an acute viral infection that can affect all mammals.
- Primarily caused by the bite of an infected animal with rabies virus in its saliva.
- Once the rabies virus enters the body, it travels to the brain.
- An infected animal can show signs of rabies in a matter of days, weeks or months.<sup>1</sup>
- It's always fatal once clinical signs appear.<sup>1</sup>

### WHAT IF MY CAT HAS POSSIBLY BEEN EXPOSED?

If your cat has been bitten by or exposed to a wild or potentially rabid animal:

- Contact your veterinarian immediately (even if your cat has a current rabies vaccination).
- Report incident to local animal control authorities.



## SIGNS OF RABIES.

An infected cat may show signs such as:

- Sudden changes in temperament
- Signs such as aggression and apprehension
- Seizures and tremors leading to paralysis<sup>1</sup>

Unvaccinated cats that are exposed to a rabid animal may need to be euthanized or placed in strict isolation for six months.<sup>1</sup> Check with your veterinarian or local public health official for requirements.



## WHY VACCINATE WITH PUREVAX?

To give your cat the protection it needs, ask for **PUREVAX® Feline Rabies** today.

### REASONS WHY

- It's a highly effective and proven annual rabies vaccine<sup>5</sup>
- It's the #1 rabies vaccine designed specifically for cats<sup>6</sup>
- PUREVAX Feline Rabies Vaccine is the only nonadjuvanted rabies vaccine available for cats and kittens.
- PUREVAX Feline Rabies vaccine protects without the need for adjuvants, additives that may present potential risks to feline patients, such as injection site reactions and chronic inflammation.<sup>7,8</sup>
- It is approved for use in kittens as young as 12 weeks old.<sup>9</sup>

Ask your veterinarian today about the benefits of nonadjuvanted vaccines.



*If you have any questions about feline rabies vaccines, ask your veterinarian.*