

NEW FELINE RABIES VACCINE

Four Corners Veterinary Hospital uses the Merial™ PUREVAX® Feline Rabies vaccine in cats 12 weeks of age or older. Rabies is transmitted mainly through bite wounds of infected mammals. More cats than dogs develop rabies in the United States. Since rabies is a human health concern, all cats (as long as they are deemed healthy by a veterinarian) should be vaccinated yearly.

PUREVAX® Feline Rabies vaccine does not contain adjuvants. All other rabies vaccines do. Non-adjuvanted vaccines create less inflammation at the injection site. Adjuvants are substances added to a killed vaccine to increase the body's immune response to the vaccine since the virus is killed and doesn't stimulate an adequate response on its own. Adjuvants have been linked to vaccine-related fibrosarcomas in cats (cancerous tumors at the site of the vaccine injection). Although this is rare (about 1 in 10,000 cats), it is a major concern of veterinarians since this type of cancer is extremely malignant, fast-growing and will spread quickly to other parts of the body.

The doctors at Four Corners Veterinary Hospital have taken great care in choosing the safest vaccines for your cat. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.