



Notice to all Cat Owners

Redwood Veterinary Hospital has always believed that an informed client is a good client. In that spirit we would like to share with you some concerns about feline vaccinations. Over the past several years University and Industry sponsored studies have shown a relationship between the use of vaccines and the development of cancerous tumors (fibrosarcomas) at the site where the vaccine was administered. You need to know that the prevalence of this problem is **very low** (prevalence estimates range from 3 to 4 cases per 10,000 cats). Nevertheless, we feel it imperative that all cat owners be aware of this slight risk. In light of this information, Redwood Veterinary Hospital makes the following recommendations:

- 1) For Cats that go outside of the house (full or part time), or cats that are exposed to such cats, we recommend full vaccination programs, with regular boosters.
- 2) For “indoor only” cats we recommend that the owner discuss each individual case with their pet’s doctor. (Bear in mind that Solano County clearly states that all cats should be rabies vaccinated-regardless of lifestyle).
- 3) Cat owners should monitor the sites where the vaccinations are administered and notify us of any swellings or lumps.
- 4) Redwood Veterinary Hospital will continue to make every effort to select vaccine types and formulations that reduce the risk of this problem.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak with your cat’s doctor.

By signing below you verify that you have been informed of this issue.

Signature

Date

Print Name