



**\* 'Fully vaccinated' at the time of outbreak**

- Kittens vaccinated every 2-4 weeks up to 20 weeks of age.
- Adult cats having had at least one vaccination in the past 12 months (at 20 weeks of age or later).

**Note**

In the face of an outbreak, use of modified live vaccines is recommended. If inactivated vaccines are used, 2 doses are necessary to achieve an appropriate immune response.

**Hyperimmune serum**

Multivalent hyperimmune serum preparations for cats (against FPV, FHV1 and FCV) are commercially available in some European countries. They are marketed for both prophylactic and therapeutic use. Protection lasts for about 3 weeks. During this period, active immunization (vaccination) must be avoided, because the immunoglobulins will form immune complexes with the vaccinal antigens. Repeated treatment is discouraged to avoid anaphylactic reactions to the equine protein.

## Important considerations

### Admissions during outbreak

- No admission of cats of 6 months of age or younger
- Admission of older cats only after positive serum antibody test (showing protection against FPV)

### Disinfection and biosecurity

- Take cats out, clean & disinfect, bring cats back in
- Clean cages and surfaces
- Disinfect only with licensed and efficacy-proven disinfectants
- Education of caretakers

### Admissions after outbreak\*

- No restrictions if good biosecurity has been observed
- Removed kittens can be brought back
- Set up preventive hygiene plans

*\* No new clinical cases for 3 weeks*