

# Virulent Systemic Feline Calicivirus (VS-FCV)

Virulent Systemic Feline Calicivirus is a highly contagious mutation of the traditional calicivirus (FCV), one of two major respiratory viruses typically found in cats. This aggressive disease is now emerging throughout the United States and virtually all exposed cats become infected. While the traditional calicivirus is not usually fatal, VS-FCV has a significantly higher mortality rate. Unlike most diseases, adult cats are at a higher risk for severe disease than kittens. **VS-FCV can kill healthy cats within 24-48 hours, even those previously vaccinated with traditional FCV vaccine.**

**Clinical signs may include:**

- **High fever**
- **Swelling of face and/or legs**
- **Severe oral and nasal ulcers**
- **Nasal and ocular discharge**
- **Organ dysfunction**
- **Skin lesions and hairloss**

VS-FCV can be very easily transmitted from cat to cat. Some other ways it is transmitted are from saliva, ocular or nasal discharge, feces, blood or urine. **CaliciVax** is the only vaccine licensed and proven effective against the deadly VS-FCV.

Evergreen Animal Hospital strongly recommends that you start your cat on the Virulent Systemic Feline Calicivirus vaccine immediately. It will be administered in a two shot series with the booster vaccine given 3 weeks after the initial shot and then once yearly thereafter.

**ACCEPTANCE**

I hereby authorize the staff at Evergreen Animal Hospital to administer the Virulent Systemic Feline Calicivirus vaccine.

**REFUSAL**

I choose not to have my pet vaccinated against the Virulent Systemic Feline Calicivirus. I understand the risks involved to my pet's health in so refusing.

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Owner's Signature

Date

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Pet's Name

