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Questions and Answers About Continuum® Feline HCP Vaccine

Q: What is Continuum® Feline HCP vaccine?

A: Continuum® Feline HCP is the first and only labeled feline vaccine that protects against rhinotracheitis caused by herpesvirus-1 (FHV-1), calicivirus (FCV) and panleukopenia (FPV) with a proven 3-year duration of immunity. Continuum Feline HCP is a non-adjuvanted formulation that may help reduce the risk of adverse events.¹

Q: What is the recommended administration?

A: Administer an initial 1-mL dose of Continuum Feline HCP subcutaneously to healthy cats as young as 8 weeks of age, followed by booster injections every 3-4 weeks until 12 weeks of age. Cats older than 12 weeks of age should initially receive two 1-mL doses 3-4 weeks apart. Revaccinate every three years with a single dose of Continuum Feline HCP.

Q: Which patients can receive Continuum Feline HCP?

A: Continuum Feline HCP may be administered to all feline patients, 8 weeks of age and older. Although HCP infection is usually observed in kittens and young cats, all unvaccinated cats are at risk for these diseases and should be protected against them through regular vaccination.

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Q: Why should I switch from an annual vaccine schedule to Continuum Feline HCP and a 3-year protocol?

A: Three-year revaccination intervals for core vaccines such as HCP are recommended by the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) and supported by the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and the American Animal Hospital Association.² Continuum Feline HCP offers veterinarians greater flexibility for a more customized approach to vaccination and is an ideal fit for today's feline wellness programs.

Q: What are the advantages of using Continuum Feline HCP for my patients?

A: With its non-adjuvanted formulation, Continuum Feline HCP provides long-term safety for your feline patients. And because Continuum Feline HCP has been proven to provide three years of protection against FHV-1, FCV and FPV, your feline patients are fully protected with only one vaccination every three years for greater feline comfort and owner convenience.

Q: What are the advantages of using Continuum Feline HCP for my clinic?

A: Only Continuum Feline HCP allows veterinarians to implement 3-year HCP protocols with a USDA-approved vaccine. This eliminates concerns that can arise when using annual vaccines at off-label intervals. Continuum Feline HCP also provides veterinarians greater flexibility to customize feline vaccination protocols based on patients' individual risk factors and allows clinics to streamline vaccine inventories.

Q: Won't switching to a 3-year revaccination interval for core vaccines hinder customer compliance for regular visits?

A: Education about the switch to a 3-year vaccination protocol is important to help clients understand how this new protocol benefits their cats but does not alter the need for regularly scheduled visits. It is important to stress that cats may need other vaccines on an annual basis as well as ongoing veterinary care to remain healthy and happy.

Q: What studies have been done to prove the effectiveness of Continuum Feline HCP?

A: Challenge studies performed with Continuum Feline HCP confirmed 3-year HCP protection, with results for all three antigens meeting 9CFR challenge requirements. Study results included:

- Rhinotracheitis: Statistically significant reduction in virulent FRV-associated clinical signs ($P=0.005$)
- Calicivirus: 100 percent protection against oral ulcerations associated with FCV infection
- Panleukopenia: 100 percent protection against disease associated with virulent FPV challenge

Q: How do I order Continuum Feline HCP?

A: Continuum Feline HCP can be purchased from your Intervet distributor. For more information, to place an order or for technical support, call 800-441-8272 weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST. More information also is available at www.continuum3.com.

¹Moore GE, Guptill LF, Ward MP, et al. Adverse events diagnosed within three days of vaccine administration in dogs. *J Am Vet Med Assoc*. 2005;227:1102-1108.

²American Association of Feline Practitioners. 2000 Report of the American Association of Feline Practitioners and Academy of Feline Medicine Advisory Panel on Feline Vaccines. Available at: <http://www.aafponline.org/resources/guidelines/vaccine.pdf>. Accessed April 27, 2006.

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