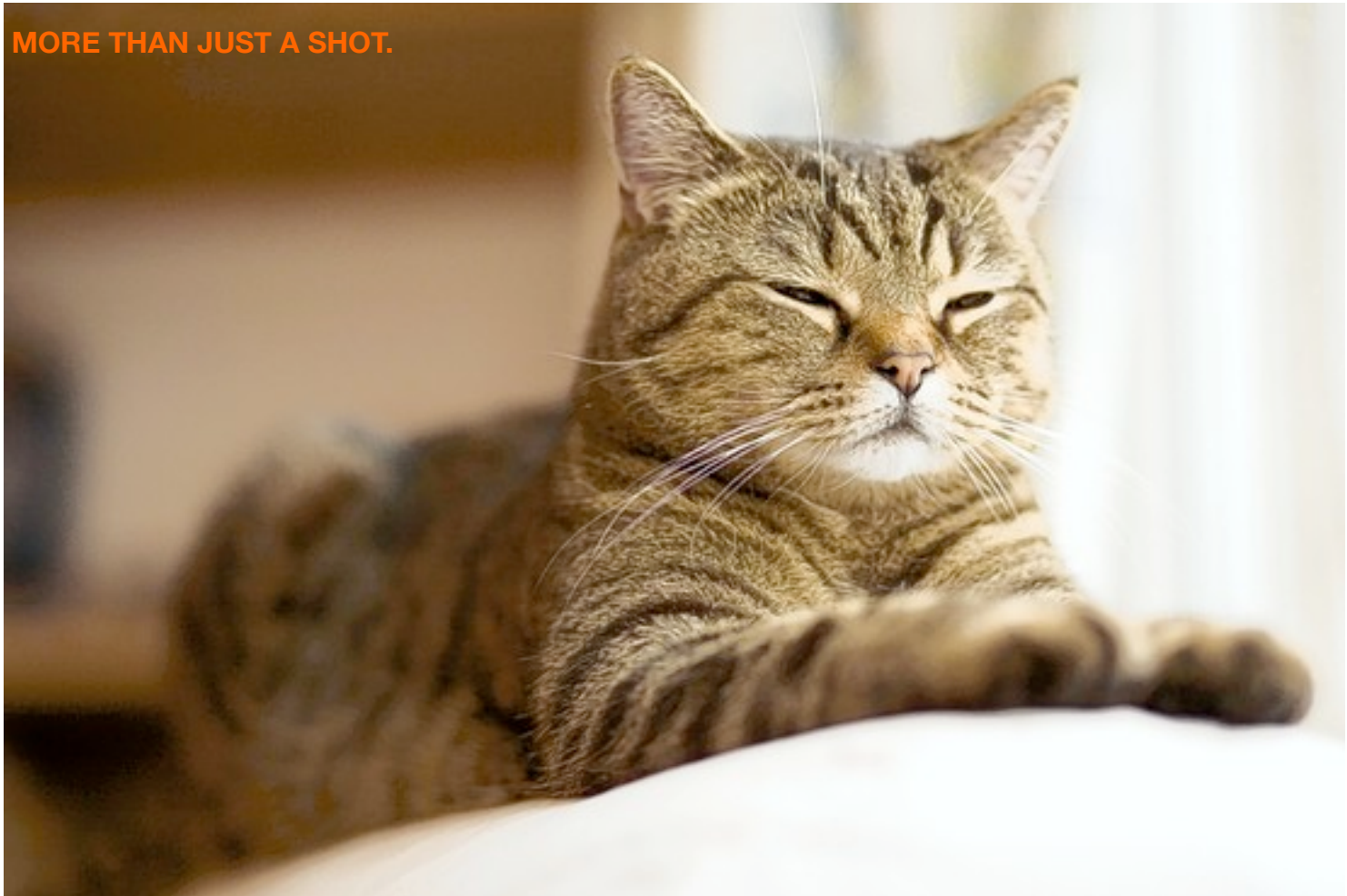


FELINE VACCINATION

MORE THAN JUST A SHOT.





Why is it important to protect your cat by vaccination?

Unless properly vaccinated, your cat is at risk of contracting one of several, possibly fatal, infectious diseases. These include feline infectious enteritis (Panleukopenia), “cat flu” (Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, *Chlamydomphila felis* infection) and feline leukemia.

Vaccination against Rabies is not a routine practice here unless you plan to bring your cat abroad or whereby your cat is at risk of contracting the disease from wild animals when let roam free into the jungle.

Why are booster vaccinations required?

When your cat was vaccinated as a kitten it was provided with immunity to these diseases. But this immunity doesn't last indefinitely and will gradually fall, leaving your cat at risk. Your cat's immunity therefore needs “topping up” at regular intervals.

Can a single vaccination restore protection when boosters have been allowed to lapse?

You may remember that when your cat was a kitten, it was vaccinated twice with an interval of 3-4 weeks between injections. These two injections were required to ensure a full immune response to all fractions of the vaccine.

After this so called “primary” vaccination, single annual boosters are sufficient to keep the animal protected. However, if the interval between the primary vaccination course and the first booster - or between two boosters in subsequent years - significantly runs over, then protection against some of the diseases may no longer be sufficient. In this case, a new primary course with two injections is required.

