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## Feline Wellness: Understanding Your Cat's Veterinary Needs

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. It's important for cats to receive core vaccinations to protect them against highly contagious and potentially life-threatening diseases. These vaccinations protect against rabies and diseases such as Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, and Panleukopenia (FVRCP).
2. Besides vaccinations and wellness exams, other ways to keep cats healthy and prevent illness include providing a balanced diet, regular exercise, parasite prevention, and maintaining good dental hygiene.
3. A veterinarian might tailor a vaccination schedule for a kitten based on factors such as their age, lifestyle, and risk factors for certain diseases. For example, kittens may require a series of vaccinations spaced a few weeks apart to ensure they develop immunity.
4. Signs that indicate a cat may be in need of veterinary care include changes in appetite, behavior, or litter box habits, as well as vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, or difficulty breathing. It's important to seek prompt treatment to prevent minor issues from escalating into more serious health problems.

