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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regards to our vaccine protocol of Bengal Cats. I have been involved in providing veterinary care to Catteries breeding Bengal Cats for 10 years. Over that time I have observed unusually high numbers of post vaccine reactions using modified live vaccines in kittens and adults. It involved cats of different linages. Signs ranged from mild lethargy, inappetence, sneezing, vomiting, diarrhea (sometimes violent), to severe ulceration of mucus membranes of mouth, nose, and conjunctiva, as well as, ulceration of cornea requiring corneal graphs. In a few occasions, post vaccine reactions were so severe that kittens required hospitalization, and aggressive supportive care. In two cases treatment was unsuccessful (one kitten died, another euthanised due to poor prognosis).

I have concluded that to achieve the most protection and do the least harm, it is preferred to use killed or vector vaccines. We are using Panleukopenia killed vaccine (Panagen by Schering Plough) and vector Rabies (Purevax by Merial), given at separate visits. Thereafter we continue with rabies inoculation only. We monitor blood titres in respect to Panleukopenia, Calicivirus, and Rhinotracheitis. If titre is low we boost (vaccinate) against Panleukopenia only. If you have any further questions, please contact us at the above number.

Sincerely,



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