



What to know about FIV +

1) FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus)

Is a slow-developing virus that weakens the immune system. The virus typically remains dormant for years, which may explain why most cats can live a lifetime without symptoms.

2) You are NOT at risk of getting FIV.

FIV is a feline-only disease and it cannot be spread to any other species.

3) How will FIV affect a cat's life expectancy?

Most FIV cats can live long and normal lives. These cats should be kept indoors and taken to a veterinarian for regular check-ups.

4) How is FIV transmitted?

FIV is primarily spread between cats through an exchange of serious bite wounds, nursing mother to kittens, or blood transfusions from infected cats. Sharing a litter box, water or food bowls, or petting an infected cat will NOT transmit FIV.

5) Future concerns

By providing an FIV + cat with regular vet check-ups, a nutritionally sound diet and a low stress household, they will be able to avoid most of the possible secondary conditions that can occur. Please consult with your personal veterinarian to make a plan for your FIV cat.

6) Who can adopt an FIV+ cat?

FIV+ cats can be adopted into homes with kids, dogs, other FIV+ cats, or even cats that do not have FIV (as long as they do not fight badly enough for serious bites to occur)!