

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus

A VIRAL INFECTION THAT AFFECTS ONLY CATS



Other types of animals cannot be infected by this virus.



Many kittens may test positive for FIV because of their mother's antibodies, but they become negative once they stop nursing.

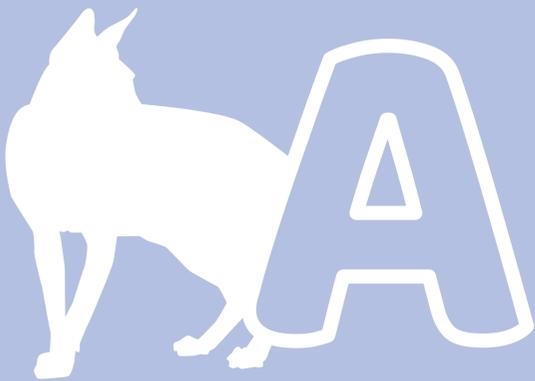


The virus can be transferred via blood transfusions and severe bite wounds.



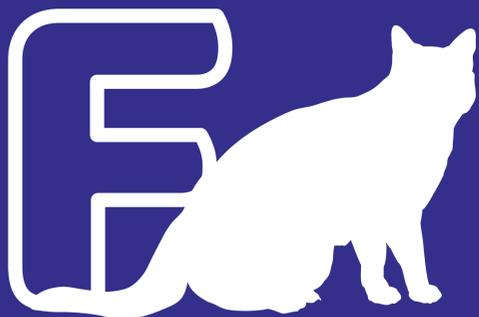
HOW THE VIRUS IS NOT TRANSMITTED

The virus is not transmitted by friendly contact between cats, nose-to-nose contact, mutual grooming, or sharing toys, a litterbox, food, and water bowls.



CLINICAL SIGNS

An FIV+ cat can have the same lifespan as an FIV- cat, and often there are no clinical signs at all. However, FIV+ cats are more prone to dental and oral issues. Infections can have a more serious effect in FIV+ cats due to their weaker immune systems.



HOW TO CARE FOR AN FIV+ CAT

Caring for FIV+ cats isn't that different from providing quality care for FIV- cats. These special kitties should be spayed or neutered, given quality nutrition, live indoors, and see a veterinarian regularly.



CAN FIV+ CATS LIVE WITH OTHER CATS?

FIV+ cats can live in the same household with other cats as long as they are all friendly to each other and do not fight. Fighting and bite wounds are the primary cause of infection.