

FELINE IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS

A VIRAL INFECTION THAT AFFECTS ONLY CATS

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Other types of animals cannot be infected by the FIV virus.



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

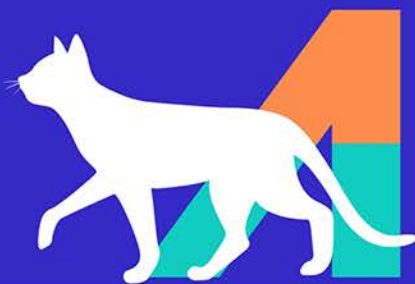


The virus can be transferred via blood transfusions, and severe bite wounds.



HOW THE VIRUS IS NOT TRANSMITTED:

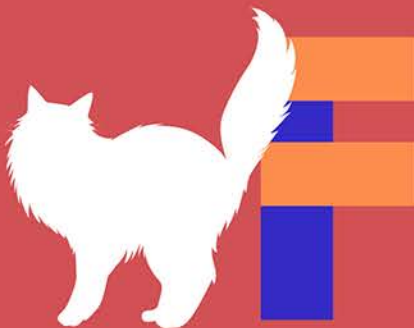
The virus is not transmitted by friendly contact between cats, nose-to-nose contact, mutual grooming, or sharing toys, a litter box, food, and water bowls.



CLINICAL SIGNS:

An FIV+ cat can have the same life span 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 on FIV+ cats due to their weaker immune systems.



HOW TO CARE FOR AN FIV+ CAT:

Indoor only living and a controlled environment.

Provide quality nutrition.

Annual veterinary visits and preventative care.

Provide a low stress environment.



FIV+ CATS CAN LIVE WITH OTHER PETS IF:

They have a non-violent personality.

As long as the cats are friendly to each other, the disease will not spread.

Deep bite wounds are the primary cause of transmission.