

FIV+ CAT FACTS

What is FIV?: Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is a virus that attacks the immune system of cats. Once infected, there is no cure or treatment for FIV. **FIV is a cat-only disease and cannot be transmitted to people or dogs.**

Lifespan: Multiple medical studies show that cats who test positive for FIV live just as long as FIV-negative cats. FIV itself does not cause severe clinical signs, and **FIV infected cats can live many years without any health problems.**

Transmission: FIV is mainly passed from cat to cat through deep bite wounds, the kind that usually occur outdoors during aggressive fights and territorial disputes. Casual, social behavior such as sharing a water bowl or grooming each other will not spread FIV. **It is unlikely that cats in households with stable social structure will acquire FIV from an FIV+ cat.**

Adoption: Cats who test positive for FIV are often euthanized or are considered unadoptable. **FIV+ cats are just like other cats. They all have unique personalities and will provide you with years of love, companionship, and laughter.**

FIV+ cats should be kept indoors to prevent catching an illness. They should be spayed or neutered and fed a balanced diet, like all cats should. A wellness veterinary exam should be done annually to ensure your FIV+ cat's ultimate health.

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