



Feline Leukemia Virus and FIV Testing Recommendations

The American Association of Feline Practitioners recommends testing all cats for Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) in the following circumstances:

- *When cats are sick*, regardless of previous negative results.
- *When cats and kittens (regardless of age) are newly adopted*, whether or not they will be entering a household with other cats.
- When cats live in households with other cats of unknown FIV infection status. Infected cats can appear normal for years, during which time they may transmit the virus to uninfected cats.
- When cats have had a potential exposure to other cats of unknown infection status, or have experienced a bite inflicted by a cat of unknown infection status. Such cats should be tested a minimum of 60 days after such an exposure. *Periodic testing may be justifiable in cats at continued risk of exposure.*
- Annually, when cats are at high risk of infection. Cats at high risk of infection include those that fight or those that live with FIV infected cats.



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