

FIV+ Cats



Cats who test positive for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) are often euthanized or deemed unadoptable. In fact, cats who do test positive for the virus usually live long, happy, and healthy lives as beloved companions.

Myth: Humans and other animals can contract FIV.

Fact: FIV stands for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus.

This is a species specific disease, meaning only cats can be infected.

Myth: Non-FIV cats will get the disease as long as they are in the same household as an FIV+ cat.

Fact: If introduced properly, FIV and Non-FIV cats can live happy and healthy lives together. The virus itself, is very frail and can only live outside the body for a few seconds. Modern research indicates that transmission requires serious physical interaction.

"Deep bite wounds are, by far, the primary mode of the virus' transmission."

Dr. Julie Levy, DVM, PhD (confirmed by several other researchers).

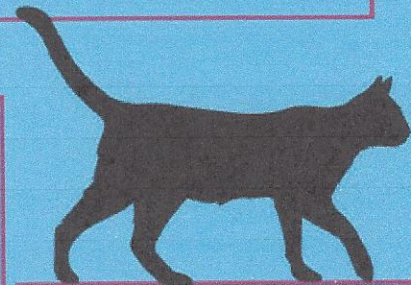
Normal social interactions between FIV+ and Non-FIV cats, such as grooming, sharing food and water bowls, and community litter boxes have no known risk of transmission.

Myth: An FIV+ cat will lead a short, sickly, and miserable life.

Fact: When given the chance, FIV+ cats with homes live happy and healthy lives. Cats with FIV can live just as long as their indoor counterparts. In fact, there are many cases in which FIV+ cats live well into old age without showing any symptoms.

Myth: There is no point in adopting a FIV+ cat.

Fact: FIV+ cats can live long, healthy lives as beloved companions and give a person years of love and loyal commitment. The point to adopt any cat is to save its life and enrich your own



An estimated 1 million healthy FIV+ cats are euthanized each year because of misconceptions about this disease. Be aware of this virus and help save countless lives by adopting FIV+ cats and educating those around you.

FIV+ cats need love too!

