



FIV Facts

- 1. The Feline Immuno-deficiency Virus is a slow virus that affects a cat's immune system over a period of years.**
- 2. FIV is a cat-only disease and cannot be spread to humans or other non-felines.**
- 3. FIV cats most often live long, healthy, and relatively normal lives with no symptoms at all.**
- 4. FIV is not easily passed between cats. It cannot be spread casually - like in litter boxes, water and food bowls, or when snuggling and playing. It is rarely spread from a mother to her kittens.**
- 5. The virus can be spread through blood transfusions, badly infected gums, or serious, penetrating bite wounds. (Bite wounds of this kind are extremely rare, except in free-roaming, unneutered tomcats.)**
- 6. A neutered cat, in a home, is extremely unlikely to infect other cats, if properly introduced.**
- 7. FIV-positive cats should be kept as healthy as possible. Keep them indoors and free from stress, feed them a high-quality diet, keep and treat any secondary problems as soon as they arise.**

(Information taken from bestfriends.org)