

## **CEREBELLAR HYPOPLASIA**

## MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR CEREBELLAR HYPOPLASIA

It has been determined that this pet has cerebellar hypoplasia. This is a condition where a part of the brain (the cerebellum) does not fully develop. The condition is most often caused by infection of the mother cat during pregnancy with a virus called panleukopenia. These kittens can have a range of neurologic signs from incoordination (often more notable when standing or walking), high stepping gait, and head tremors to incoordination that is so severe the pet is unable to walk. This condition is not progressive (does not continue to worsen) and these animals can make great pets with a normal life expectancy. Modifications of their environment may be needed if the pet has difficulty eating, difficulty jumping from surface to surface. All follow-up care will need to be done at the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's expense.