



CHRONIC RHINITIS

MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR CHRONIC RHINITIS

This pet is suspected to have chronic rhinitis (inflammation within the nasal cavity leading to sneezing, congestion, and nasal discharge). If a cat has recurrent upper respiratory tract infections, this can result in destruction of the lining of the nasal cavity, leading in increased susceptibility to future bacterial and viral infections, resulting in chronic upper respiratory signs. One of the most common initiating causes of this condition is Feline Herpesvirus, an infection that can remain latent in the body and recur during times of stress (moving to a new house, introduction of a new pet to the family, etc.). This pet may require intermittent medication for treatment of flare-ups. In some cases, there is another underlying condition that predisposes pets to chronic URI. These pets usually do much better in a home environment rather than in a shelter environment. Regular health checks by the owner's veterinarian is recommended. All follow-up care will need to be done at the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's expense.