



## **FIV**

### **MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR FIV (POSITIVE TEST)**

This feline has tested positive for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) on a snap test. FIV is a virus known to infect domestic cats worldwide. It can be transmitted through fighting and sexual behavior, but it is unlikely to be transmitted to other cats in the household provided they do not fight. Otherwise the virus does not survive well in the environment and may last only for a few minutes. However, careful consideration should be taken prior to bringing an FIV positive cat into a household with FIV negative cats since this is a lifelong non-treatable infection. Felines living with an FIV infection are considered immunocompromised, although many live healthy normal lives. It is very important to make sure their basic wellness needs are addressed with your regular veterinarian and that the owners carefully monitor for signs of infection or dental disease. All follow-up care will need to be done at the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's expense.