



FIV & FeLV Positive Adoptions Session Take-Aways!

FIV & FeLV positive cats can and do live normal, happy lives for many years!

There are many types and brands of FIV and FeLV tests available. Never rely on a single test or a single point in time to determine infection status. Many false positives (and negatives) can occur.

Not all cats that are exposed to FIV or FeLV become infected—and not all infected cats become ill.

Transmission of FIV & FeLV can be minimized or prevented with vaccination, spay/neuter and appropriate housing and care.

Language is powerful! Spoken, printed, visual (body language), etc. Be aware of the language used about FIV & FeLV cats. Positive should be positive!

Educate your staff and volunteers about what FIV & FeLV are – and are not! – so they can educate adopters and advocate for positive cats.

Use excellent photos and well-written bios to highlight the cat's beauty and personality. Include people/cat interactions in both.

Include positive posters and info sheets about FIV & FeLV in your shelter and on your website.

Make the community aware! Post positive cat photos and bios in the community via poster, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Make use of TV and Radio, too!

Partner with rescue groups that can help place FIV & FeLV positive cats.

Keep learning and taking positive steps to move forward and to save more lives!

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