

CHANGING THE WORLD FOR HOMELESS & AT-RISK CATS
IN CENTRAL NEW YORK - FOUR PAWS AT A TIME.

CNY Cat Coalition

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FIV Cats Need Love Too!

"Your cat has tested positive for FIV." At one time, this statement struck fear into the hearts of many cat owners, causing untold numbers of cats to be euthanized.

FIV was identified only about 15 years ago. Many veterinarians schooled prior to that time, and pet owners alike, still carry outdated notions about this disorder. We are going to explore the commonly-held ideas about this disease and attempt to set the record straight.

Judah Battista, formerly in charge of all the cats at Best Friends Animal Society, thinks the discovery of FIV was a very mixed blessing. "If you go back 15 years, before anybody tested for FIV, [these cats] would be in homes living long, normal lives. But we've discovered something we can put a name to - even if the cats never get sick!"

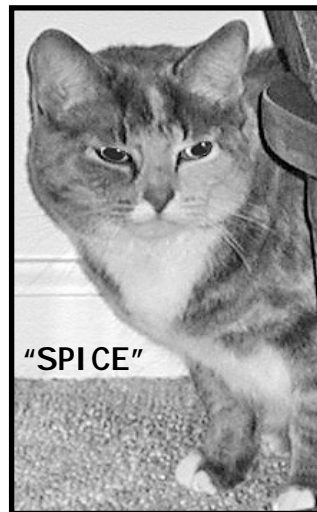
So, let's start with the definition. FIV, which is short for *Feline Immunodeficiency Virus*, is a lentivirus, which means that it progresses very slowly. It is an auto-immune condition characterized by an increased susceptibility to naturally occurring bacteria, viruses, etc. that normally do not affect our cats. Some FIV cats may prove more vulnerable to skin infections, some to mouth problems, still others to upper respiratory infections, or urinary tract issues. In many cats it progresses slowly, and signs of infection are barely noticeable. Other cats may experience repetitive bouts of illness followed by periods of comparative health. Others may experience no symptoms whatsoever!



There is a vaccination for FIV, though its effectiveness varies from cat to cat. Because the FIV tests often rely on testing for antibodies, cats that have had this vaccination will always test positive even though they do not have FIV. It is important, therefore, if your cat tests positive, to have him retested using a different type of test.



FIV is transmitted primarily through very deep bite wounds, mostly by intact aggressive males. It can sometimes be transmitted through



mating or through a mother's milk to her kits, but these two routes are less frequent. The best method of preventing FIV is to spay or neuter your cat. Keep him indoors where exposure to aggressive cats is unlikely. Vigilantly monitor his health and any physical or behavioral changes. Visit your vet at the first sign of any illness.

It's never too late for Happily Ever After.

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The jury is still out on the question of isolating your cat. The very highest level of security on this question would be to have only your positive cat by herself or with another positive cat in the same house hold.



If you have the room, you might also segregate your positive cat from your negative cats in separate parts of the house. Anecdotal evidence, however, suggests that if your cats have all been altered, and if they are friendly cats who are properly introduced, there should be no problem in allowing them to mingle.

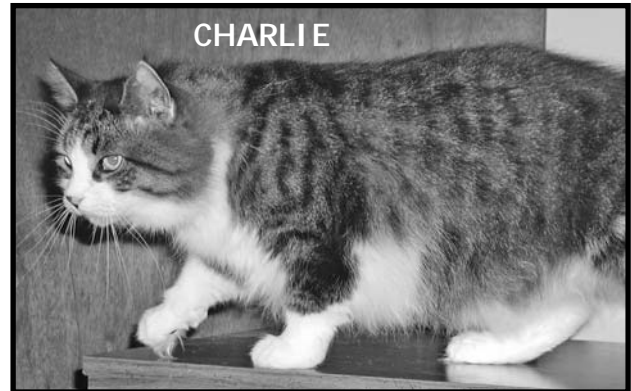


Monthly Meetings

Please join us on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the **Bellevue Manor** senior residence, 4330 Onondaga Blvd. (between Western Lights Plaza and the Taunton Fire Dept). Detailed directions on our web site.

Meetings are casual and problem situations can be discussed afterwards. For November and December date changes, check our web site.
www.cnycatcoalition.org
 Select the Volunteer Page link.
 Become a part of the CNY Cat Coalition family!

Like all your other cats, there is no way to determine the lifespan of your FIV+ kitty. However, the good news is that given your excellent care and attention to her health, your FIV kitty will very likely live to a ripe old age!



Take a look at this newsletter and see the faces of the loving cats dreaming of a home filled with snuggling! According to the latest research, there is no reason their dreams should not come true! Call their foster caregiver to adopt one of these gorgeous kitties! You can make dreams come true!

"OTTO"

DSH orange/white male; about 5 yrs; well mannered lap cat; loves snuggling and attention; likes to be brushed; perfect house manners; Ellen 481-1151

"SPICE"

DSH muted calico female; 2.5 yrs; well mannered and no trouble; *always* uses litter pan and scratcher; purrs; likes being petted; Carolyn 469-6569

"JOSEPHINE"

Really Joseph, but was named before anyone knew he was a male; answers to Josephine!; DLH large fluffy gray tiger and bright orange eyes; 1.2 yrs; very clean and has a great personality; Maria 478-5623

"SPOOKY"

DSH very petite black female; 5-6 months; laid back and very friendly; loves people and other cats; purrs a lot; inquisitive and playful like the kitten she is; Carolyn 469-6569

"THOMAS"

DSH very large black male with white patch on his chest and bright green eyes; 4 yrs; laid back; loves to be with people and have a discussion about what's on his mind; good with other cats; Karen 473-9188

"CHARLIE"

DLH brown tiger Maine Coon type male with white markings; 2.5 yrs; very affectionate; loves to snuggle; purrs; good with other cats; follows you like a dog; Carolyn 469-6569

As of November 16th, the people below have shown their appreciation of loved ones with a contribution to the CNY Cat Coalition. We thank them and all our other donors.

If you would like your contribution to celebrate an occasion or honor / remember a relative or friend (of any species), please send your check along with a note, or designate the reason for the contribution on the donation form. Send to CNYCC, P.O. Box 6182, Syracuse, NY 13217. Thank you.

In Memory of:

Bootsie from Joan Karcher
Silky from Alice M. Carleton
JoAnn Howland from Linda Jane Willauer
Sassy from Robert & Deborah Bowe
Tootsie from June Webster
Anne Kawecki from Maria Louise Ascher
Booger from Judy Evans
Young Rikki Solow from Renee Solow
Buddy Cat from Alexander Burgess
Fe' Fe' from Laurie & Bruno Chustecki
Mysterfur from Edith L. Cook
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Dad and Mom Fiera & Ollie Brown
from Judy Felicia
"Many" from Rita & Leonard Willm Jr.
Buddha Boy from Vera Domke
Our Dads on Father's Day
from Jean & George Borasky
Atom & Cootie from Susan Mignacca
Cruiser from Linda Jane Willauer
All my cats from Virginia Hopkins
Jeannine from Dr. Natalie J. Woodall
Heather & Mouse from Dorothy Washburn
Muff Kitty from Jean & George Borasky
Thurles from Ann Tierney
Sassy from Anne & Kenneth Sherman
B. Guiles & Cedric from Susan Sperry
Petey from Keitha Mazza
Penny, Vivian & Sophie from Kathryn L. Daly
Smilodon from Beverly G. Mullen
Moe from Cynthia Carr

In Honor of:

Ann and Marc Woodroe at Christmas
from James & Carol Wager
The Ace from John Curran
Max, adopted January 2007, from Catherine Wolff
CNYCC volunteers
from Deborah & Anthony Kossa, Anne & Kenneth Sherman, Carol Oblas
Ann & Marc Woodroe from Caroline Perkins
JoAnn Howland from Melanie & Alan Dunn
Petey, Vanessa and Frankie from Louise Harpster
Delores Rick from Xochi Rick
Gwen and Penny from Bennett & Grace Levine
Babe from Judy Evans
Wendy Wilson from Marie Taylor
Zeus from Ann Hubert
CNYCC from Judy & Bryce Hand
Pat Chambers from Diane & Gary Gardner
Kathy & Brian Madigan
from Kathleen Dathyn-Madigan and Mark & Sylvia Allnatt
Ellen Toll in lieu of flowers from Sue Ellen Denny
Gracie from Susan & Timothy Morgan
Smokey from John Iorio
Teddy from Simeon & Judith Bonanni
Nickolas from Sandra Macidyn
Puffalump from Katherine Rawlings-Esquenazi
Daf from David & Alice Firley
Marty & Tee from Monica Scott
Tiger from Blanche Marsella
Jason on his birthday from Jean & George Borasky
Molly from Deborah Graham

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Amount Enclosed _____ **Donate in memory or honor of a beloved human or animal.**

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Estelle Resnick from Daniel Miller
Misty from Louise Sloan
Bopey from Shirleen Carpenter
Elton B. Burnham from Ruth Burnham
Katherine Wheeler from Garrett Wheeler
Bingo & Crybaby from Joan Spencer
“Too many to list” from Rosalind Gordon
Steve Barenholtz from Evelyn Barenholtz
Reggie from Sharon & Raymond Tuthill
“All my beloved pets - all from shelters or abandoned” from MaryAnn Dunn
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Bill from Gloria Royer
Twilight from Amy & Elizabeth McDonald
John Scott from Monica Scott
Arlene from Jean & George Borasky
Barney, Dusty & Tandrew from Linda Speech

In Honor of:

Thumbser & Smudge from Ray & Marie Smith
Boots from Barbara Sciandra
Carolyn DeGroff from Joe & Patty Re

*Through the Network for Good-
Dedicated to:*



Jan Markarian from Wendy Loughlin
Kimberly Ann Wilcox from James Kocik
Hannah from Jacklyn Wilson

No More Littering!

From January through October of this year, a total of 869 cats have gone through the spay/neuter programs in which we participate.

That’s 405 male and 464 female cats – and counting....

Call 420-SPAY (7729) to schedule an appointment.

Thank you to everyone for helping us to prevent MANY unwanted litters.

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