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## **Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV)**

We cannot take your cat. However, FIV is not the disease we once thought it was. Most cats with FIV that are given good nutrition, shelter, and veterinary care usually have a fairly normal life span and die from something else!

FIV cats can live harmoniously with non-FIV cats as long as they are not aggressive biters. There is really no reason to isolate them unless they are bullies!

Kittens born with FIV usually test negative by six months of age (usually sooner). Most kittens are merely testing positive because of maternal antibodies which dissipate in a few months.

Some veterinarians are not progressive and have not kept up with new information. If your vet recommends euthanasia simply because a cat is FIV positive, consider getting a new and more up-to-date veterinarian.

FIV is NOT a reason to die.

More information at:

[http://www.bestfriends.org/theanimals/petcare/cats\\_fiv.cfm](http://www.bestfriends.org/theanimals/petcare/cats_fiv.cfm)

[http://www.la-sPCA.org/dedication/talk/t\\_fiv.htm](http://www.la-sPCA.org/dedication/talk/t_fiv.htm)