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Feline Upper Respiratory Tract Infection – Possible Calicivirus or Herpesvirus

What is the issue?

This cat has suffered from a recurrent or prolonged upper respiratory tract infection (URI) while in our shelter. This common condition is otherwise known as a “cat cold”. It is typically caused by a viral agent, either feline herpesvirus or feline calicivirus. Some symptoms include: sneezing, runny and inflamed eyes, runny nose, and fever. In addition to upper respiratory tract disease, lameness and chronic oral inflammatory disease (oral ulcers) have been linked to calicivirus infection. Herpesvirus infection can be associated with corneal ulcerations. These viral agents are potentially contagious to other cats, however, most immunocompetent and fully vaccinated cats will be resistant to infection or will not become as sick. There is a higher risk for these viruses to be transmitted to and cause illness in old or very young cats in your home. Cats that have been infected with these viruses may shed them for a significant length of time, or periodically throughout life, which can act as a source of infection to other in contact cats.

What has OHS done so far?

A veterinarian has thoroughly examined this cat’s condition and may have prescribed treatment(s). A full medical history of the animal’s veterinary care at the Ottawa Humane Society will be provided to you for your veterinarian to review.

What still needs to be done?

Most cats simply have a very difficult time clearing these viral agents while living in a shelter environment. It is very likely that once this cat’s stress level is reduced, his/her immune system will get stronger and the “cold” will go into remission. Other cats will suffer from chronic “cold” symptoms and will require ongoing veterinary care for this condition. Long term medication and diagnostic testing can be required in some chronic severe cases. Animals on long term prescription medication require periodic blood work to monitor for side effects.

What can the adopter expect?

If this cat’s “cold” was caused by herpesvirus infection, flare-ups may occur throughout life, especially at times of stress for the cat. If corneal ulcers occur due to herpesvirus, they can be severe, and occasionally require surgical intervention to treat. ***For more information, please visit:*** <http://www.veterinarypartner.com> and search “Feline Upper Respiratory Infection”



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