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Feline Immunodeficiency Virus

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is a virus that infects strictly cats. It is most commonly found in cats that are allowed to roam free outside. FIV is spread primarily through bite wounds so cats that go outside are at risk for contracting the disease from the bite of an infected cat. Cats that remain indoors are less at risk, especially if they are the only cat in the household or if the household cats do not fight with one another.

FIV infected cats can live for years without showing any symptoms. Eventually, the cat's immune system is substantially weakened and will be less able to fight off other infections.