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A New Leash on Life

BROUGHER COMPANION ANIMAL SHELTER

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A WORD ABOUT ... FELINE UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTION (URI)

Due to the unknown origin of most felines at the York County SPCA, most inevitably enter our shelter infected with feline upper respiratory infection (URI) or most likely will come into contact with other contagious felines since it is an airborne disease transmitted by fluids from sneezing cats with runny noses and eyes. It is commonly called a "kitty cold" since the symptoms of upper respiratory infection resembles the same symptoms of humans with colds.

It is difficult in a shelter environment to contain this disease; however, we do our best to treat felines with upper respiratory infection while in our care. Felines with upper respiratory infection are isolated since it is contagious and can be transmitted to other felines. The felines are treated with medication for 7 to 10 days and usually make a full recovery within one week. Feline upper respiratory infection cannot be transmitted to humans or canines. Feline upper respiratory infection is a common illness and usually easily treated.

We provide adopters with medication for felines showing visible signs of upper respiratory infection at the time of adoption so the feline can be treated at home. However if you have other felines at home, we recommend isolating any new pet for about one week because many infections can take that long to show. Some felines may be adopted without our knowledge of the animal having upper respiratory illness since the feline did not have any visible signs during the time of adoption. Unfortunately the infection may develop later at home after adoption. If your feline shows symptoms such as sneezing and a runny nose and eyes with a discharge, the feline may be suffering from upper respiratory infection.

We thank you for saving a pet's life and for giving a homeless feline such a wonderful home. Please remember to call us at 764-6109 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.