

Understanding FIP: A Guide for Cat Owners

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1. The Essentials

Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) is a disease caused when a common virus (feline coronavirus) mutates inside a cat's body.

- **Is it contagious?** No. While the common virus spreads between cats, the mutated FIP does not.
 - **Is it the same as FeLV/FIV?** No. All our cats test negative for Feline Leukemia (FeLV) and FIV before adoption.
 - **Is it a death sentence?** No. Modern treatments have a high success rate, especially when started early.
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2. Symptoms to Watch For

If your cat—especially a kitten or young adult—shows these signs suddenly, contact a vet:

- **Lethargy:** Noticeable drop in energy or hiding.
 - **Appetite Loss:** Refusal to eat or "picky" eating.
 - **Persistent Fever:** A fever that doesn't break with standard antibiotics.
 - **Behavioral Shifts:** Sudden changes in personality or activity levels.
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3. Diagnosis: "The Puzzle"

There is **no single test** for FIP. Veterinarians look for a pattern in:

- **Clinical Signs:** Physical symptoms.
- **CBC (Complete Blood Count):** High white blood cell counts or anemia.
- **Chemistry Panel:** Specifically looking at **Globulin** levels and the **Albumin/Globulin (A/G) ratio**.

Pro Tip: Always ask your vet for a digital or printed copy of bloodwork results. We can help you or a specialist review them if FIP is suspected.

4. Modern Treatment Options

Speed is everything. Do not wait for a "100% confirmed" diagnosis if symptoms are severe.

- **GS-441524:** An antiviral often filled via pharmacies like Chewy.
- **Molnupiravir:** A highly effective oral treatment used for many successful recoveries.

- **Support & Access:** fipremedy.com provides guidance and connects owners with FIP treatment advisors.
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How We Can Help

If you are concerned about your cat's health:

1. **Contact Us:** Our rescue has experience navigating FIP.
2. **Bloodwork Review:** We can help interpret results and connect you with experts.
3. **Support:** You are not alone—treatment is more accessible and affordable than ever.