



Work Instruction: FIV/FeLV Testing

Note: CGCR's protocol is to test for FeLV only on adoptable cats or if the Vet believes a TNR may be showing signs of leukemia.

We keep combo FIV/FeLV tests in the fridge and we may be instructed by either the Vet or Medical Director to test for both. The process is the same.

A. Before clinic starts:

Remove the anticipated number of tests from fridge needed for clinic. Recommend taking one or two extra tests out including a couple tests even if there are only TNR cats.

Set tests and antigen out at least 30 minutes prior to use if room is 70 degrees. If colder, allow an hour to come to room temperature.

Only room temperature tests will give accurate results!

B. Batch testing guidelines:

If unsure of how to determine batches, seek guidance from the Lead Vet Tech or Vet.

One cat per test when:

- Cat or kitten is sickly
- Vet suspects the adult cat is a potential vector of disease, for example an unneutered free roaming male that has many battle scars

Acceptable batches:

- Mamma cat and up to 4 kittens
- Up to 5 kittens from same litter
- Up to 3 adult cats from same colony if they appear in good health

Lead Vet Tech will advise if 3 single kittens or adults from different colonies may be batch tested.

C. Taking blood sample:

Prepare a separate syringe to take blood sample from every cat to be tested. Use 1 ml syringe with 27 gage needle. Prepare the syringe by "wetting" with heparin as trained. This prevents the blood from clotting.

Number the label on the syringe with the cat number of the day: 1, 2, 3, etc with Sharpie pen.

Recommend drawing at least .2 ml of blood for each cat to ensure enough for the test and a retest if needed.



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D. Running test and results:

When all the blood for each batch has been gathered, prepare the sample and run test in accordance with the IDEXX instructions.

Write the individual cat test numbers on the side of the test being run in that batch with a Sharpie pen, for example 3-5 or 2.

Get timer set for 10 minutes before snapping the test to start it. The timer on a cell phone works well and there is a mechanical timer at the desk.

As soon as test is snapped, start timer and watch the test. The test **MUST** be watched between 4 – 10 minutes as the last 6 minutes are critical to assess if there is any hint of a positive result. The control dot will appear. If any trace of positive becomes visible, note the minutes that it became visible and relationship to when the control dot became visible and record time on log.

 **The reading must be completed at exactly 10 minutes.** Record results on log and health charts.

Positive results: If any positive results are observed, have the Vet or Lead Vet Tech review the test immediately. The Vet will determine the course of action if the cat is TNR. The Medical Coordinator will be consulted if an adoptable cat is positive. If the positive result is a batch test, separate tests are normally run to identify the source of positive results.

Record test results on Clinic Log. A horizontal line indicates negative. A + line indicates positive.

New bottle # if applicable: N8

Date: 10/18/23 Vet Initials: KCB

Community	Source/ Colony	Description	Spay/Neuter	Cat #	Spay/Neuter	anesthesia amt	weight	Meloxicam amt	FeLV Test	Health notes - cat #
ODGELL	HWY 35	CLASSIC TABBY	CAIR	1	SN	079052.05.01			⊖	MARLO
↓	"	SILVER TABBY	CAIR	2	SN	07907207.01			⊖	MIMI
THE DALLAS	MINDI GURZAH	BUFF	CAIR	3	SN	079301.96.09			⊖	YAZMIN-d
↓	↓	RUSSIAN BLUE	CAIR	4	SN	079551.99.04			⊖	YADID
↓	↓	TORTIE	CAIR	5	SN	079020.93.01			⊖	YARA
JHITE SALON	PATTI HOWARD	GRAY+WHITE	CAIR	6	SN	1210.357.13.25			⊖	WILMA

Make any additional notes in Health Notes section if needed including disposition of positive results.