

What is FIV in cats?

Feline immunodeficiency virus, or FIV, is a condition that weakens a cat's immune system.

It is estimated
4%
of UK cats have
have FIV



How is FIV spread?

- Cat bites
- Sexual contact
- Mother-to-kitten
- Transmission in the womb



What if my cat shows signs of FIV?

Keep them indoors, away from other cats, and get them tested by a vet. FIV cannot pass from cats to humans or other animal species, and cats can't get FIV from HIV-positive people.



How do I look after an FIV-positive cat?

An FIV-positive cat should be:

- Neutered
- Fully vaccinated
- Regularly treated for fleas and worms
- Kept apart from other cats
- Prevented from hunting
- Kept indoors (or only allowed outside in a secure enclosure or on a lead)
- Fed a nutritious diet
- Checked by a vet at least every six months



Can FIV be treated?

There's no cure for FIV, but many infected cats live a happy and healthy life for years after diagnosis.

For more information and advice on looking after your cat visit: [petplan.co.uk](https://www.petplan.co.uk)