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FIV Positive & Negative Cats Can Happily Live Together!

S.C.C.A.T. wants to help our friends understand things about cats and dogs they may not already know, like this article from Care2.

FIV positive cats can live long, healthy, and relatively normal lives with no symptoms, yet with so much misinformation, **some vets still euthanize cats who test positive.**

A new study in **The Veterinary Journal** written by Annette L. Litster of Purdue University's College of Veterinary Medicine's Department of **Veterinary Clinical Sciences** presents conclusions about FIV positive and negative cats living together.

Litster discovered that FIV was **not passed between cats during normal day to day interaction** in a shared living environment. Her studies also showed that **FIV was not transmitted to kittens** when their mothers were already infected prior to birth.

The Truth about FIV

FIV is a **cat-only disease which cannot be transferred to humans or other animals.** It is a slow virus that affects the cat's immune system. The cat can become totally immune, be a carrier that never gets sick, or worst, end up with a compromised immune system.

How is FIV Spread?

FIV cannot be spread casually through litter boxes, food, water bowls, snuggling, grooming, or playing. It is transferred when an infected cat bites or breaks another cat's skin. So a neutered cat in a home is **highly unlikely to infect any other cats.**

FIV Positive & Negative Cats Living Together

Litster's studies demonstrate why it is **not valid to assume that FIV positive cats can't live together with uninfected feline friends.** Neutered cats may play fight, but it rarely leads to a serious bite.

Read stories from real cat owners sharing their experiences about FIV positive cats and FIV negative cats living together in peace.

<http://www.care2.com/causes/as-it-turns-out-fiv-positive-and-negative-cats-can-happily-live-together.html> (via [Care2](#))



S.C.C.A.T. is supported solely by donations. Our small adoption fees all go toward saving and adopting the next animal. Right now we are even **struggling to feed and treat all the animals** we take care of. **Please help!!!**

\$20 feeds so many hungry, grateful babies! Any donation helps **every dime goes directly to the animals.** Please help us survive this difficult period!!

Thank you!

Just a simple click saves these and other animals!!

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Can You Help?

We need **blankets, towels, comforters,** gently used dog and cat supplies, and **dog and cat food** of any kind. Bring these items to **PetSmart in Pasadena** any Saturday or Sunday between 12 and 4 pm. Please help—our animals need your generous donations:

Online **credit cards** at www.catadoptiontails.org or **Checks** to P.O. Box 922754, Sylmar, CA 91392