



Hot Scoop

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! ALERT – Gastrointestinal Virus in Cats / Can become serious without treatment !

Just a heads up for the cat owners. We have seen many cats this past week with vomiting, diarrhea, and/or not eating. Some cats also have low-grade fevers. We are attributing these symptoms to a **gastrointestinal (GI) virus**.

This virus, known as “the flu” in people, affects the gastrointestinal tract and causes us to become nauseous and have vomiting and/or diarrhea. For people, these viruses are usually not serious and resolve on their own. However, **cats can become seriously ill if they become dehydrated from vomiting and diarrhea, or if they don’t eat for more than a day.**

Therefore, these cats may require supportive care including fluids, anti-nausea medications, pain medications, and/or appetite stimulants.

Remember, viruses are airborne, and **most of the cats we have seen with this virus are indoor-only and have not been out of the house recently.** Airborne particles come in naturally through open doors and windows, and on our clothing as we are out and about with our daily routines.

You can help **prevent possible problems by washing your hands after coming home and petting your cats, and by keeping a close eye on your kitty’s behavior and appetite** in order to catch symptoms early. The sooner a sick kitty is treated, the quicker they bounce back.

If you have and questions or concerns, please call us at **248-540-3390**.

