



Association of Shelter Veterinarians

FeLV and FIV Testing in Animal Shelters

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The Association of Shelter Veterinarians believes that every cat eligible for adoption, re-homing, or relocation should be screened for Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) according to standard testing guidelines.¹ While testing before adoption is strongly encouraged, each shelter's policies should be based on available resources, potential impact to population health, and program goals. In situations where cats are housed in or relocated to unfamiliar groups, treated for infectious diseases, and/or housed long term, FeLV and FIV screening protocols must be an essential component of the health care program.

Reference

1. Levy JK, Crawford PC, Hartmann K, et al. 2008 American Association of Feline Practitioners' feline retrovirus management guidelines. *J Fel Med Surg*, 10:300-316, 2008.