Management

Management of infected cats should focus on effective preventive healthcare strategies, prompt identification and treatment of illness, and limiting the spread of infection.

Healthcare

• Infected cats can live for many years with a high quality of life.
• Follow consistent preventive healthcare strategies.
• Promptly identify and treat illness.
• Prevent, identify, and limit the spread of infectious disease.
• Euthanasia of positive cats is not recommended.

Management of Retrovirus Infected Cats: Multi-Cat Households

• FIV: transmission limited where cohabitating cats do not fight or reproduce
• FeLV: transmission via shared food and water bowls, allogrooming and alloplay
• Reduce stress by resource and environmental needs management.
• House infected cats indoors or with access to enclosed outdoor structures only.
• Longevity appears to be best in cats living in low-density household.