

Feline Leukemia Test Schedule

Austin Pets Alive believes that every kitten or cat diagnosed with Feline Leukemia deserves the same life quality as cats that do not have Feline Leukemia. Below are the guidelines APA! takes to ensure that all felines are tested conclusively.

Kittens 6 months or younger:

- 1st positive test – if not tested at APA repeat test using serum. Test litters individually. If some are negative and some are strong positive they should be split up into separate living areas. Faint positives can stay with litter.
- 2nd test – should be 4 weeks after 1st positive test. Serum test individually. If negative then will always be negative! Cannot revert to positive. If positive send back to foster to retest in 4 weeks
- 3rd test – 4 weeks after 2nd test. Serum test individually. If negative will always be negative. Cannot revert to positive. If positive than should be considered FeLV positive and no re-testing needed. If positive can go to FeLV Ward if needed.

See vet for questionable results.

Cats 7 months or older:

1. 1st positive test – if not tested at APA should be retested using serum. Litter/housemates should be tested individually. If negative then initial test should be discounted and no further testing is needed. If positive then retest in 4 weeks.
2. 2nd positive test – if negative then will always be negative, cannot revert to positive. If positive than should be considered FeLV positive. Can go to FeLV ward if needed.

Negative kittens can have spay/neuter surgery asap. Positive kittens should stay in foster as long as possible as they could still revert. Moving to the FeLV Ward and spay/neuter should be postponed as long as possible, ideally at 5-6 months of age if sexes can be kept separate.

A negative serum test requires no further testing unless specifically requested by a veterinarian.