

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 all kittens in a litter individually. If some are negative and some are positive they need to be split up. Negative kittens are considered “FeLV Exposed” and will need to be retested on Serum in 30 days to confirm their Negative FeLV status.
- 2nd positive test – should be 4 weeks after 1st positive test. Serum test individually. If negative then retest in 2-4 weeks to confirm Negative FeLV status.
- 3rd positive test – At 6 months of age or at spay/neuter surgery serum test individually. If positive then should be considered definitely FeLV Positive and no re-testing is needed. If Negative retest in 2-4 weeks to confirm Negative.

**Cats previously positive at APA on SERUM need at least 2 negative diagnostic serum tests on file to be considered officially negative. Once 2 tests are on file the cat is considered to be definitively negative and cannot revert to positive.

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 retest in 2-4 weeks to confirm negative. If positive then should be considered definitively FeLV positive.

Negative kittens can have spay/neuter surgery asap.

Moving to the FeLV Ward and spay/neuter should be postponed as long as possible for positive kittens. Positive kittens will not be spayed/neutered until 5-6 months old and should not go to the FeLV adoption center until at least 10 months of age.