Feline URI Cheat Sheet

**Level One**
- Nose & Eyes: yellow/green nasal and/or eye discharge, nasal “crust” (aka boogers). +/- sneezing.
- Activity Level: Normal
- Appetite: Good
- Fever: Mild or none
- Congestion: None

*Rx: Doxycycline (100mg/ml) - 0.05ml/pound once a day x 10 days (10mg/kg)*

*IF COLORED EYE DISCHARGE, CONJUNCTIVITIS (red/swollen eye tissue) -
Rx: Gentamicin Ophthalmic* - *one drop in both eyes twice daily x 10 days*

Switch to azith after 3 days if there is zero improvement or symptoms are worsening. Stop Doxy

**Level two**
Not improving after 3 days on doxycycline.
- Nose & Eyes: Moderate to heavy discharge
- Activity Level: Slightly decreased
- Appetite: Moderate, still eating
- Fever: Mild to moderate
- Congestion: Snuffy, audible/can be heard

*Rx: Azithromycin 40mg/ml once a day for 5 days then once every 3rd day for 3 doses (10mg/kg)*

*IF EYES UNABLE TO STAY OPEN OR SEVERE CONJUNCTIVITIS (NOT RESPONDING TO GENT.) -
Rx: Erythromycin Ophthalmic Ointment - *one drop in both eyes twice daily x 10 days*

Switch to Baytril after 3 days if there is zero improvement or symptoms are worsening. Stop azith.

**Level Three (VET)**
Any combination of the following: congested, fever, not eating, open mouth breathing, lethargic. Not responding to Doxy or azith. Consult veterinarian.

*Rx: Baytril 5mg/kg PO SID x 10 days, nebulize, fluids, force feed if not eating, +/- hospitalize*  
Consult vet for eye medication

*Any cat that has not eaten in 48 hrs MUST be force fed. See Force Feeding Chart*
**URI Supportive Care**

1. Dehydration or not eating x 36 hours:
   a. 100 mLs/10 pounds SQ LRS q 24 hours x 2-3 days

2. Congestion
   a. Keep nose clean
   b. Nebulize for 10 minutes BID – TID or more if very congested
   c. +/- saline nose drops

3. Inappetent cat > 4 months of age:
   a. Oral exam. If ulcers noted discuss with vet. If no ulcers noted:
      i. Try warming food. Offer strong smelling food or tuna or buffet. Encourage eating with petting/talking.
   b. If cat has not eaten > 2 days:
      i. Mirtazapine 15 mg tab – ¼ T PO q 72 hours OR
      ii. Cyproheptadine 2-4 mg per cat q 12 – 24 hours PO
   c. If Cat continues to not eat will need force feeding or feeding tube. Discuss with vet.
   d. Monitor weight daily

4. Inappetent cat < 4 months of age:
   a. Start syringe feeding immediately
   b. Discuss medications with vet if needed