



## FELINE VIRUS TESTING / CONSENT FORM

Concerning the health and well being of feline family members, pet owners need to be aware of certain viruses affecting cats. Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) are highly contagious and deadly infectious diseases for which no cure exists.

Each virus has the ability to exist in a latent form within an infected cat. This means the virus is present but, essentially “asleep”, awaiting a trigger to activate it. The trigger can take the form of an anesthetic event such as surgery or dental procedures. Having knowledge of a cat’s virus status prior to procedures is of paramount importance.

Since an infected cat can possibly exhibit no outward signs of disease to its owner or attending veterinarian, it is highly recommended to test the animal prior to procedures. Testing can be completed in short order in our hospital with a small blood sample. As an added bonus, the single test also detects Heartworm Disease - A mosquito borne parasite of the heart and pulmonary arteries.

*FeLV Antigen / FIV Antibody / Heartworm Combination Test*

Cost: \$54.00

YES, Please complete the testing for my cat.

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Signature of owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

NO, I decline the recommended pre-anesthetic virus tests at this time and request that you proceed with anesthesia and suggested surgery. I assume full financial responsibility for this animal. I understand that a medical condition may exist which would be impossible to identify during a physical exam alone. I understand that my pet’s health could be at risk if such a condition goes undetected when my pet is placed under anesthesia.

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Signature of owner

In the event that the above signed owner / agent declines pre-anesthesia virus testing for their cat(s), he / she releases Pennington Animal Hospital, P.C. from liability for exacerbation of pre-existing disease or pet death due to general anesthesia in which systemic disorders revealed by laboratory tests would have dictated a forbearance of the anesthetic event.