**FeLV Discordant Adoption Counseling Checklist**

* FeLV discordant means that a cat may test positive on one type of test and negative on another.   
  + FeLV/FIV SNAP test - Point of care ELISA test to check for antigen in whole blood or serum
  + IFA - Immunofluorescent antibody test done on blood to detect feline leukemia virus in leukocytes
* FeLV/FIV SNAP test is the initial test we do to determine if a cat may have FeLV.
* If a cat tests positive for FeLV on the SNAP test, we confirm this result with an IFA.
* This may mean that the cat was recently exposed and is in the process of clearing the virus from the body.
* Re-testing of the cat is advised 30 days after the last test at the adopter’s regular veterinarian.  
  + If the cat has a negative SNAP retest, the cat is considered negative for FeLV.
  + If the cat still tests positive on the SNAP test, we recommend the adopter follow up with an additional IFA test to confirm if the cat is FeLV.
  + It is possible the cat will remain discordant their whole life. A discordant cat may be a carrier of FeLV. They could still infect other cats with FeLV, but their FeLV infection is dormant.
* Until the cat has been re-tested, treat the cat as potentially infected and should housed indoors only and not exposed to other cats.
* Adopters taking home FeLV discordant cats should be prepared for the possibility that they may be adopting an FeLV-positive cat and should be willing to keep them if that is the case.
* Discuss the points on the FeLV-positive Adoption Counseling Checklist on the other side of this page.