



Health concerns to watch for in your new cat

Thank you for adopting a rescued cat or kitten from Nashville Cat Rescue. You have just given him or her a second chance at life. All of the cats and kittens within our program were formerly abandoned, homeless, or pulled from shelters where they were facing euthanasia.

While your new family member is making the transition into a loving and safe forever home, please be aware that this is also a stressful time for your new addition and be on the lookout for any illnesses that may be caused or exacerbated as a result of the stress of a new situation.

Unfortunately, some cats and kittens may have been exposed to certain illnesses that lay dormant until triggered by a stressful event. When bringing a new cat or kitten into your home, please make sure that any cats you already have are current on their vaccinations. Although all NCR cats and kittens have been vaccinated, it is possible that they may be carrying something that your cat(s) could catch if not properly vaccinated.

URIs - Upper Respiratory Infections: Symptoms can include nasal and eye discharge, sneezing, lethargy and not eating.

Diarrhea: Change in diet is one way to upset a tummy. If you plan a diet change, please do so gradually.

Hair loss: Certain fungal infections including ringworm can be the culprit. Ringworm is one of the few cat conditions that can be spread to dogs and humans. The incubation period for ringworm is about 2 weeks, so your cat could have been exposed but not exhibit symptoms until after adoption.

Tapeworms: Tapeworms are caused from ingesting fleas/flea eggs. They pass in small segments which resemble small grains of rice and can be seen in stool or on the rear end of your cat. While tapeworms are benign parasites, it is important to treat your new addition and implement a flea control regimen. NCR recommends Revolution or Advantage and NEVER an over-the-counter flea control product which could be deadly to your pets.

NCR strongly recommends a new kitty check-up with your veterinarian after adoption. If you have any questions or need contact information for a veterinarian in your area, please call:

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