

1. Feline Panleukopenia
also known as Feline Distemper
and Feline Enteritis

Viral

Highly contagious

extreme listlessness

loss of appetite

diarrhea

vomiting

fever

death within 1 week

2. Rabies

a virus

direct contact - through open wound

3 phases:

- 1. apprehension - nervousness
- anxiety - irritable
- seeks solitude - fever
- lick at wound - lasts 1 to 2 days

2. may enter this phase (more often in cats)

- restless (roaming) - vicious
- extremely sensitive to noise and sights
- disoriented - seizures

3. nervous system shows effects

- drooling due to not being able to swallow
- deep labored breathing
- dropped jaw - choking sound
- weakness - paralysis
- unable to breath - Death

3. Giardiasis

a new vaccine

caused by a protozoa

diarrhea - may be acute or chronic

loss of appetite

may lose weight

feces often abnormal : bad odor, pale, and greasy

damages intestinal lining

interferes with digestion

4. Chlamydiosis

also known as Pneumonitis

caused by a bacterium

a chronic disease

affects respiratory tract

loss of appetite

difficulty breathing - coughing

fever

pneumonia in young kittens

rhinitis (runny nose)

sneezing

watery eyes

conjunctivitis (inflammation of the thin
membrane lining the inside of the eyelid)

makes eyelids red and swollen

5. Feline Rhinotracheitis

caused by a herpes virus
affects the upper respiratory tract
incubates in 2 to 17 days

sneezing - extreme nasal discharge

conjunctivitis (inflamed eyelids)

runny eyes - sometimes corneal ulcers

drooling

abortion (in impregnate cats)

lasts 2 to 4 weeks

6. Feline Calicivirus

caused by a virus
affects the upper respiratory tract
incubates in 1 to 14 days

nasal discharge (runny nose)

runny eyes

mouth ulcers common - leading to chronic
gingivitis

pneumonia common

may cause joint and muscle pain

may develop ulcers on the paws

7. Bordetellosis

a new vaccine - not commonly used yet
caused by a bacteria
affects the respiratory tract
more common in dogs
infected by breathing the bacteria in through the nose

runny nose

runny eyes

coughing

occasionally a fever

more common in multi cat environments

8. Feline Leukemia Virus

is a retrovirus - a very short lived virus
is the most common cause of cancer in cats
effects a cat's immune system
incubation can be 2 weeks to several years

loss of appetite - poor coat condition

slow but progressive weight loss

enlarged lymph glands - persistent fever

pale gums and other mucus membranes

gingivitis and stomatitis

persistent diarrhea - eye conditions

infections of skin, urinary tract, and upper respiratory infections that do not
respond to normal treatment

abortion and other reproductive disorders

9. Feline Immunodeficiency Virus

caused by a retrovirus
transmitted through bite wounds
can have a very long incubation period

hinders a cat's ability to protect itself against other infections

poor coat condition - inflammation of the gums and mouth

persistent diarrhea - slow but progressive weight loss

various kinds of cancer and blood diseases

abortion and reproductive disorders

usually takes a long time before death (chronically unsound)

10. Feline Infectious Peritonitis

caused by a coronavirus
vaccine is questionable
an always fatal disease
usually in younger cats (2 years and under)
not highly contagious

2 forms

1. non effusive form

no obvious symptoms early on
loss of appetite - weight loss
depression - rough coat
anemia - lethargy

fever that does not respond to
antibiotics

2. effusive form

all of the above symptoms plus
accumulation of fluid in the abdomen
labored breathing
progresses rapidly