


# Good, Bad, and Deadly

## DEADLY DISEASES


It's highly recommended to have a vet test any new cat coming into a home prior to contact with existing cat(s), especially if the new cat EVER went outside! Three deadly diseases are rapidly spreading in our area where cats are so often strays and farm cats are frequently relocated. Unfortunately, the only cure is prevention, as most cats contracting these diseases will die a slow, painful death. If your cat is diagnosed with any of the diseases below, you have two choices: never, never, never let them outside to spread the disease (and give them supportive care) OR have them humanely euthanized. A mother can transmit these onto her kittens and, if they survive, they may carry the disease(s) which would be highly contagious to other cats, even if no signs are present.

Diseases are easily transmitted by:

 Bite of Infected Cat

 Drinking or Eating from same source

 Licking

 Being Sneezed On

 Mating

**FELV** Feline Leukemia

Test Available

Vaccination available

**FIV** Similar to AIDS

Test Available

No Vaccination

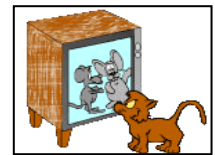
**FIP** Hardest to Identify

No Test

Vaccination Available



**Please realize in testing you may receive false results so double testing is recommended. Just as with any vaccine, these are not 100% either, so prevention is best!**



## CHEAP & FUN THINGS

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## THE DANGEROUS & DEADLY

### GOOD

- Paper Bags
- Plastic Milk Rings
- Cardboard Boxes
- Ping Pong Balls
- Homemade and Sanded Scratching Posts
- Old Chair to Claw on
- Window to look out
- Carpeted Climbing Cat Tree (Cats like to be high)
- Soft Blanket to nap on
- Feathers Bought from Pet Store (others may have mites)
- Laser Pointer (never point near the eyes!)
- Grow a small pot of "cat grass" (stay away from catnip!)
- Small Basket for them to curl up in
- Fish Tank to Watch
- Cat Videos (featuring Rodents, Birds, and Fish)
- Bird Feeder outside to watch birds
- A comfy lap to sit on while being petted

### BAD

- Plastic Bags
- Rubber Bands and Tooth Picks
- Sharp Objects: Tacks, Paper clips, etc.
- Yarn / String - Gets stuck on tongue barbs
- Cat Doors going Outside
- Styrofoam Packing Peanuts
- Anti-Freeze
- Rat Poison and Mouse Bait or Traps
- Aerosol Sprays and Almost All Cleaning Supplies
- Warm Engines and Machinery
- Toilets (Keep Lids Down)
- Burning Candles (Whiskers, Face and Tail get burned often)
- Stoves (they may walk across while warm and burn paw pads)
- Chocolate or Christmas Tinsel
- Dryer and Washing Machine (Cats crawl in and have been killed)
- Most Plants (Inside the home and outside)
- Lawn Mowers (Hit by flying debris or Run Over)