

## Disease risks for cats



SITUATION	RISK FACTORS	DISEASE AGENT
Cat is an indoor cat and never goes outside	Very difficult to make sure the cat never gets outside where outdoor cats could be roaming. Introduction of a new pet into the home. Children in home visit the cute new shelter kittens next door and bring disease agents back to house on shoes or clothing.	Any infectious feline disease*. Common kitten diseases and any infectious feline disease.
Cat is an indoor/outdoor or strictly outdoor cat	Cat is in constant contact with other outdoor cats. Cat prowls into wildlife areas.	Any infectious feline disease. Rabies or any other feline disease.
Kitten	Kittens are particularly susceptible because their immune systems haven't fully developed.	Any infectious feline disease.
Geriatric cat	Older cats may have weakened immune systems and be susceptible.	Any infectious feline disease.
Cat is boarded or goes to a groomer	High level of interaction with other cats. Facilities may require vaccination records, but total compliance is difficult to track and an unvaccinated cat may unknowingly be admitted.	Respiratory disease and many other infectious feline diseases.
Cat is lost	Cat gets outside or wanders off outside. Cat gets loose in a natural disaster such as hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes and fires.	Infectious feline diseases if he is around other cats or sheltered until he is found.

\*Feline Distemper, Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV), Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV), Feline Herpes Virus (FHV), Feline Calicivirus (FCV), Feline Chlamydia, Rabies