

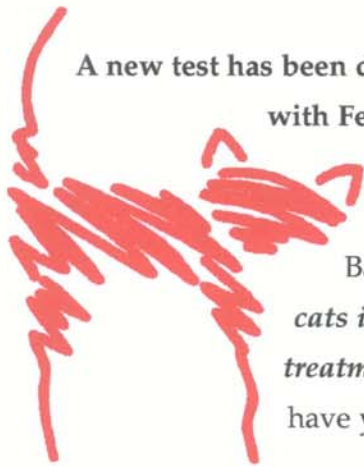
FELINE HEALTH ALERT

A new test for Feline Bartonella is now available!

“What is Feline Bartonella?”

Feline Bartonella is a bacteria which can be transmitted between cats by fleas and ticks. Infected cats may become ill from this bacteria. It can cause chronic inflammation of the eyes, gums and oral cavity, enlarged lymph nodes, fever, kidney disease, upper respiratory disease, and vague neurological signs. Most infected cats are healthy carriers, and behave normally.

The bacteria can also be spread to humans—via cat scratches and bites, contact with fur, and by infected fleas and ticks. In humans this is more commonly known as Cat Scratch Disease. Although infected people do not always become ill, some can become seriously ill. Children, people whose cats have had flea infestation, and people who are immunosuppressed are especially at risk.



A new test has been developed to determine whether your cat is infected with Feline Bartonella. Because of the human implications, and since antibiotics can be prescribed to rid your cat of the bacteria, we recommend testing all cats for Feline Bartonella. *It has also been observed that some diabetic cats infected with the bacteria required less or no insulin after treatment with antibiotics.* Please call for an appointment to have your cat tested for Feline Bartonella today.

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