
CATS ILLUSTRATED

Cats are catching the flu!



Because it is winter, cats are staying inside a lot more and it is flu season. A few cats have already come down with the flu, and others have been staying in their own houses, trying not to catch it.

The flu is usually no big deal, but because there is already a worldwide pandemic, and any cat showing symptoms was tested immediately. No cat tested positive for COVID-19, so they just had a case of the flu. However, the flu can have different reactions for different cats, and cats in Pawsville have shown all sorts of reactions. One of Lunch's employees at Lunch's Luncheon had bad sneezing, coughing, and

Image above - Rudy, who doesn't want to get the flu, but if she does she would pass it on to Judy.

wheezing. Lunch gave them paid time off, but now all of her other workers are required to wear masks as not to catch the flu from customers. But sneezing and coughing was not the case for one of Naya's kittens, who vomited all night last night from a bad case of the flu.

Because so many cats have been getting the flu, kittens have been wondering whether it was really worth it to get a flu shot. This has signaled adult cats to tell their kittens what a vaccine does, and how it does give some protection against viruses. But some kittens still aren't convinced, and they have been making anti-flu shot signs for next year when they have to get flu shots again. However, more cats have been coming down with the flu every day, and each time a kitten or cat comes down with the flu, they get tested for COVID-19 just in case. And kittens don't like having to get nasal swabs in their noses, even for COVID-19 testing, so now most kittens have quarantined in their own houses for the time being.

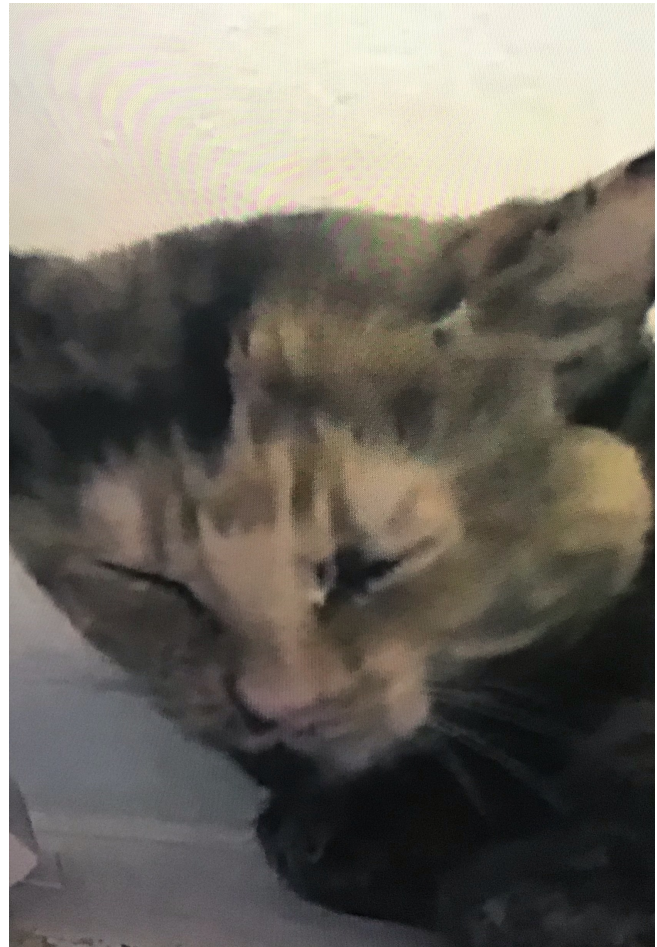


Image above - Judy, who said that the nasal swab test was the worst thing that had ever happened in her life just before Rudy got tested.

Many cats do not enjoy COVID-19 testing, or at least the nasal swab kind. A nasal swab test involves sticking a swab up your nose pretty far and circling it around. This is not a fun experience, and even adult cats who have been tested are scared to be tested again. In fact, some adult cats are quarantining so that they don't get the flu and have to be tested for COVID-19 just in case.

"I did a saliva test for COVID-19 — it's much easier."

- HARVEY

An interesting case of the flu emerged in Pawsville when one of Juliet's kittens caught it — Juliet noticed that Blackpelt Jr., the sick kitten, coughed up a lot of mucus. No kitten had had quite a reaction like that before, and even a test confirmed that this was just a regular case of the flu. Blackpelt Jr. is being monitored closely by Juliet and Blackpelt,

because they want to know if this is a new variant of the flu that has emerged and that may affect kittens.

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