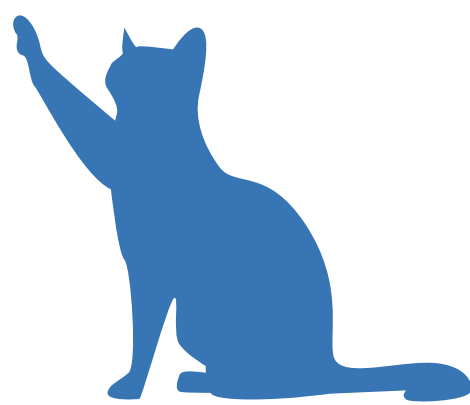


When to seek care for a sick community cat

Upper respiratory infections



MILD

Continue to monitor, no care is needed at this time

Nose: Occasional sneezing, clear liquid around nose

Breathing: Normal

Eyes: Normal or clear discharge from eye, minimal redness

Appetite: Eating normally

MODERATE

Unless improving, seek care within 1-2 days

Nose: Frequent sneezing, clear, thick, cloudy or yellow liquid bubbling from nose

Breathing: Sounds slightly congested or raspy when breathing, barely audible

Eyes: Clear to yellow thick discharge from eyes, some redness and swelling

Appetite: Normal to slightly decreased

SEVERE

Unless improving, seek care within 12-24 hours

Nose: Constant sneezing, large amount of yellow/green nasal discharge that is plugging up nose or bloody nasal discharge

Breathing: Very raspy or congested breathing (can hear across the room)

Eyes: Redness, so much swelling the eye is barely visible, large amount of yellow/green mucous discharge, eyes may be crusted shut. eyes closed most or all of the time

Appetite: Not eating

EMERGENCY

Seek emergency veterinary care immediately if:

- Open mouth breathing
- Gasping for air, and/or abdomen moving more than chest

Where do I take my community cat for medical care?

For **moderate to severe** upper respiratory infections needing veterinary care please contact Indy Neighborhood Cats to coordinate treatment with a community cat friendly clinic.

E-mail: info@indyneighborhoodcats.org
(fees may apply, financial assistance available)

For **emergencies**, please confine the cat and contact Indianapolis Animal Care Services via <http://maps.indy.gov/requestindy/> for ACS to transport and assess the cat.

Always travel with your community cat in a secure carrier or humane trap.

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