



## **Share Information with Public - FeLV**

### *FIV and FeLV*

If people call/email needing help with FIV because a vet or someone else has told them it's dangerous please inform them that is not the case. There are many articles how FIV cats and non-FIV cats can live together. Google for some and send them a link. Let them know FIV is only passed through bodily fluids and is really not a big deal. If two cats get along and are spayed/neutered there is no risk. Even our own Austin shelter TNR's FIV cats to live with non-FIV cats. If they ask us to take their FIV cat and if our cat manager needs cats, and if the criteria are met (age, social with other cats), you can check to see if she has room.

FeLV cats are contagious but the person calling/emailing needs to make sure the FeLV test was done correctly. Send them the FeLV document (*Helping You Help FeLV*) so they will know how to proceed. If the cat is in Travis or Williamson counties they can surrender to those respective shelters and the cat will probably be sent to rescue. If this is their own cat or if they have had it 30 days or more they will need an appointment first. If the cat is headed to any shelter outside of Travis or Williamson County, forward the email to our cat adoption manager and ask if we have room to take it.