Feline URI Treatment Flowchart

Cats with sneezing, nasal and/or ocular discharge

Vet exam to determine if mild, moderate, or severe URI

Severe URI: transfer to another facility for intensive care or humane euthanasia

Moderate URI

Move to Isolation

Mild URI

Place for adoption
No treatment and monitor daily
Move to Isolation if clinical signs worsen

- Start on doxycycline suspension at dose of 10mg/kg PO SID for 10 days
- Apply doxycycline ophthalmic ointment to eyes BID for 10 days
- Give LRS fluids SQ SID X 3 days
- Vet may request gabapentin suspension PO BID for oral ulcers
- Offer fresh canned food BID
- Monitor attitude, appetite, clinical signs during daily morning medication rounds
- Notify veterinarian if not eating by 3rd day, persistent fever >102.8 F, or clinical signs worsen

Veterinarian recheck exam on Day 10

URI has not resolved

Continue treatment and monitoring

URI has resolved

Move to adoption

Veterinarian recheck exam on Day 14

URI has not resolved

Contact rescue groups or foster homes for continued care

URI has resolved