

Rx _____ Date _____

The clinical signs your cat presented with today suggest a respiratory virus caused by herpesvirus or calicivirus.

Your cat has NOT been prescribed antibiotics because antibiotics are not effective in treating viral infections and can cause adverse effects such as inappetence, vomiting and diarrhea.

These viruses run their course over 7-10 days without specific therapy.

Your great nursing care at home can help!

- Keep your cat's nose clean using a soft wet washcloth or cotton ball as needed.
- Use a humidifier with water (no medication) in the room where your cat sleeps.
- Offer canned food that is warmed to increase its aroma and tempt your cat's appetite (be sure it's not too hot!).

Over-the-Counter Medication:

- L-Lysine 250-500mg by mouth every 12 hours with food might be helpful for some cats with herpesvirus

Additional Tips:

- Try to minimize stress for your cat during his/her recovery.
- Keep isolated from new cats to minimize spread of disease.
- Please call or bring your cat back in for recheck if clinical signs do not improve in _____ days or worsen at any time.



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