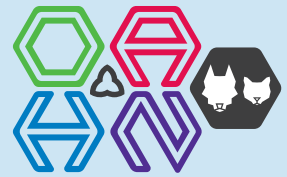


Feline upper respiratory disease is a syndrome that is usually caused by viruses. Bacterial infections can occur but most affected cats do not need antibiotics.



## IF IT'S JUST A SNEEZE, LET IT BE.



**STOP**

Antibiotics are not needed or useful in most cases.

If nasal discharge is not mucopurulent or purulent, bacterial infection is unlikely. Even with mucopurulent or purulent discharge, treatment is not often needed.

Culture of nasal secretions is unlikely to be rewarding and may be misleading.

**WAIT**

Unless fever, lethargy or anorexia develop, observe the cat for 10 days. Antibiotics are not needed.

**GO**

If signs are still present after 10 days or if fever, lethargy or anorexia develop, antibiotics are likely indicated

Prescribe doxycycline, 5 mg/kg PO q12h or 10 mg/kg PO q24h.

Treat for 7-10 days and monitor clinical response

Test for FIV and FeLV infection.

