



Ocular Disease in Kittens

Looking for:

■ Foster kittens

- Weighing less than 3 pounds and less than 12 weeks of age
- Diagnosed with infectious upper respiratory tract and ocular disease

■ Fosters Ready To

- Foster kittens
- Administer medications to kitten(s) up to 3 times daily
- Transport kitten(s) to and from the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at UC Davis for appointments
- Closely monitor and inform the study researchers about their kitten(s) health status
- Complete a short, daily observation log
- Provide a safe and loving environment in accordance with basic foster protocols

■ What is herpetic ocular disease?

- Infectious upper respiratory tract disease caused by the feline herpesvirus type 1 (FHV-1) is commonly seen in multi-cat environments. Eye problems (herpetic ocular disease) are often seen in affected kittens and can range from mild irritation to pain and blindness.

■ What is the study purpose?

- We are adding an antiviral medication (famciclovir) to the current standard treatment of infectious upper respiratory tract disease to see if the addition of this medication will reduce the severity of herpetic ocular disease in kittens.

■ Why should I participate?

- Kittens taking part in the study will receive close medical supervision and treatment by UC Davis veterinarians.
- All examinations and medications are paid for by the study.
- If famciclovir is effective at treating herpetic ocular disease in kittens, then we could use information gained through the study to improve future treatment of this disease in kittens and promote more adoptions.

■ How can I get involved?

- **Email us** at epurpurakittenstudy@gmail.com or kvernaukittenstudy@gmail.com.
- **Already fostering kittens?** Before emailing us, please check with your shelter or rescue organization to see if they are already involved with our study.
- **Want to become a foster parent?** We would love to have you!



Before & After Treatment

