

# Studying the Genetics of Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP)

### GOALS

Dr. Gary Whittaker, of the Whittaker Lab in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, is continuing the regional study of the feline infectious peritonitis (FIP). Research in the laboratory has led to new questions about how FIP is triggered in cats and its effect on them. The aim is to reach a better understanding of this virus in order to formulate a successful method of treatment and to work towards a future diagnostic test. Various sample specimens are needed from cats suspected of having FIP and healthy housemates who live or have lived with FIP-diagnosed cats.

### ELIGIBILITY

The lab is collecting stool, blood and fluid samples from healthy cats, cats that are suspected of having FIP, and housemates who live or have lived with FIP-diagnosed cats.

### COMPENSATION

This is for sample collection only; there is no compensation for assisting with the study. However, participation might help with the diagnosis and treatment of future cats with FIP.



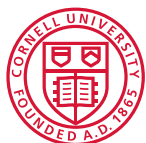
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