

Instructions for the Treatment of *Bartonella* Infected Cats

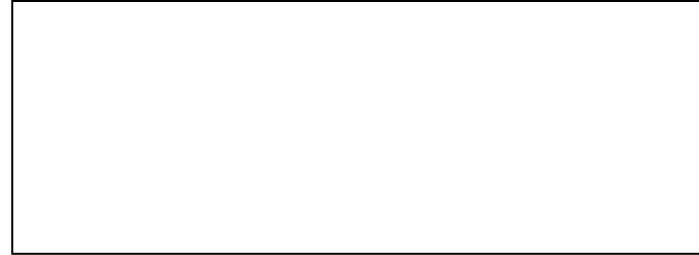
Your cat has tested positive for infection with the bacteria *Bartonella*, by the FeBart® Test, at the National Veterinary Laboratory. *Bartonella* are spread from cat to cat by fleas and can cause inflammatory diseases in many sites (mouth, eyes, respiratory tract and major organ) in infected cats. This is also a zoonotic infection, meaning the bacteria can be transmitted from cats to humans via scratches, bites and even mere contact. In infected people, *Bartonella* can cause cat scratch disease and more severe diseases in various organs (for more information on *Bartonella* diseases of cats and people, see the National Veterinary Laboratory's website www.natvetlab.com).

We will prescribe antibiotics for your pet to treat this infection. **Someone other than** an immunosuppressed person (i.e. a person immunosuppressed who was or is being treated for cancer, a person with a transplant, and a person infected with the AIDS virus, etc.) in your household should treat this cat. Young children should avoid contact with the cat for the first 2 weeks of therapy. The antibiotic will be given for [REDACTED] days. Six months after the end of therapy, your pet can be retested by the *Bartonella* Therapy Titration Test to ensure that the infection has been eliminated. There is an 88% cure rate after the initial antibiotic treatment. The Therapy Titration Test will determine if your pet has been successfully treated for *Bartonella* or if your pet needs a second course of antibiotics. In order to prevent re-infection, flea prevention is necessary.



Recommendations:

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2. Institute flea prevention as prescribed.
3. We recommend the Therapy Titration Test, to check for the effectiveness of therapy, after the following date: [REDACTED]



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On the reverse side is: **Instructions for “The Treatment of Bartonella Infected Cats”** that you may wish to use as a client handout explaining the treatment protocol for *Bartonella* infected cats. The top of the form has a box where you can use your hospital address contact stamp. This form is available as a half or full page PDF form for download from our web site www.natvetlab.com.

The form can be found on the web site Home Page, or you can click on the ***Bartonella*** Section, and click on the half- or full-page versions of the form to download. Print the form, add your hospital stamp information, and give to those clients that will be treating FeBart® positive cats.

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