



# *Lightfoot Ragdolls*

## Common Health Issues

There are some health issues that just seem to pop up out of nowhere. Sometimes we just scratch our heads and wonder where that came from when our cats never leave our homes! It's frustrating, but it happens.

Some places where these things may come from:

\*On your shoes from being outside or in a store or who knows!

\*From food or litter

\*From a visitor

And some culprits are just in the environment, such as strep, staff, mycoplasma, etc. Those things are everywhere and sometimes our cat's immunity is down and they are just susceptible to it at a certain point.

Things that may pop up:

Giardia. Giardia is common. Usually your cat will get diarrhea. A simple fecal test at the vet will let you know. 3 days of Panacur will clear it up.

Feline Herpes. Probably 90% of cats in the world have been exposed to and can develop herpes. It can show up at times when the cat has been stressed, or just because. You are not a bad cat owner if this happens. This is often seen with sneezing and goopy eyes. They may be red. Again, a quick visit to the vet will give you drops or ointment to put in their eyes and it should clear up quickly. Another good thing the vet may give you or suggest is Lysine. You can get it in a gel in a tube that you can put on their paw and they will lick it off. They may lick it off your finger. For super picky cats, there is a powder you can put in their water. Just like people that get cold sores and use lysine pills or ointment to clear them up, this works for cats. I also use a mix of fractionated coconut oil and oregano, frankincense and oregano. If you need the recipe, please contact me at [lightfootragdolls@gmail.com](mailto:lightfootragdolls@gmail.com).

Mycoplasma. This can be like a slight cold or deathly ill pneumonia. Your vet may do a PCR test for upper respiratory infection and this may come up. The meds are yucky and may be

difficult to administer. Tuna is a good way to mask the taste and they may take it that way without too much difficulty. There are also pills you might be able to get down your cat.

UTI. UTI's can be somewhat common also. Look for signs of peeing outside the litter box, frequent use of litter box. Don't delay getting it checked out so it doesn't go to the kidneys, just like people. Some cats get crystals in the urine that is painful. Antibiotics usually do the trick.

There are other things like coccidia that are less common, but not uncommon. Cats are notorious about hiding illness. Pay attention to their eating, drinking and bathroom habits. If anything is off, please go to the vet.

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