



The 84-Day Observation Window

Treatment's done. Now you watch. A week-by-week tracker for the post-treatment vigil, and the signs that mean call

PETSLIKEMINE

FELINE INFECTIOUS PERITONITIS

CAT'S NAME

LAST TREATMENT DATE

WINDOW ENDS (~DAY 84)

You imagined the last dose would feel like a finish line, and instead you have been handed another calendar. Try to see these weeks not as "after treatment" but as the last quiet part of the cure. With the medicine stopped, this window is how your cat is shown to be genuinely clear rather than just held quiet by the drug. The trap is turning watching into hunting, reading a relapse into every nap and skipped biscuit. So the rule that keeps owners sane is simple: watch the pattern, not the moment. Your vet will usually want to examine your cat around four weeks after the last dose, and that recheck is a normal part of the plan, not a sign anyone is worried.

WHAT STEADY, REASSURING PROGRESS LOOKS LIKE

- ☐ Eating well, and keeping it up: a good, consistent appetite is one of the most reliable signs
- ☐ Weight holding or gently rising, especially in a young cat still growing

- ☐ Energy and normal behaviour: playing, exploring, being her ordinary self
- ☐ A settled temperature, and easy, comfortable breathing

THE RELAPSE RED FLAGS: ANY ONE OF THESE MEANS CONTACT YOUR VET

A returning fever, or a cat who feels hot, flat and "off" the way they did before. A real, sustained drop in appetite or energy for more than a day. Weight starting to slide after it had been holding. A belly that looks swollen again, or laboured breathing. Any wobble, head tilt, stumble, tremor, seizure or change in personality, or a change in the look of an eye. Anything in that last group (a balance or an eye change) means call the same day. Relapse is uncommon, and when it does happen it is very often treatable again, so this is a call to make early, not a reason to live in fear.

WEEKLY OBSERVATION TRACKER (ROUGHLY TWELVE WEEKS)

A short weekly check is plenty. Tick the week off, note the weight, and jot anything you want to raise. Vigilance can be highest in the first few weeks, when relapse is most likely, and can ease as the weeks pass without incident.

WEEK	DATE CHECKED	WEIGHT	ALL WELL?	ANYTHING TO NOTE / CALLED VET?
Wk 1 of 12			☐	
Wk 2 of 12			☐	
Wk 3 of 12			☐	
Wk 4 of 12			☐	
Wk 5 of 12			☐	
Wk 6 of 12			☐	
Wk 7 of 12			☐	
Wk 8 of 12			☐	
Wk 9 of 12			☐	
Wk 10 of 12			☐	
Wk 11 of 12			☐	
Wk 12 of 12			☐	

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How to use. Watch the pattern, not the moment. Tick off each week, keep the weekly weigh-in going, and act early on any of the red flags. Relapse is uncommon and often treatable again. A wellbeing aid, not a substitute for veterinary advice.

EYE OR BALANCE CHANGE = CALL THE SAME DAY