**PANCREATITIS - Information for owners**

This cat has been treated for pancreatitis, which is a condition where the pancreas and sometimes the surrounding organs become inflamed.

Pancreatitis causes vague symptoms in cats, such as going off -food, hiding away, vomiting and weight loss. It can be painful, and some cats will recover quickly with supportive treatment, while for others it may be life-long, chronic or may recur later.

No one fully understands the cause of pancreatitis. It is thought that some infections and stress could trigger it.

There are some blood tests that can diagnose pancreatitis, but they are not reliable in all cases, and diagnosis is mostly based on symptoms.

Treatment is normally aimed at just managing the symptoms, like giving pain relief, anti-nausea medication and fluid therapy, when needed. Antibiotics and/or steroids may be used and sometimes they will stay on B12 supplements and antacids.

Occasionally, complications can arise in chronic or severe pancreatitis, such as diabetes, liver damage or irritable bowel disease.

Most cats recover and can live normal lives after having pancreatitis and our part-foster scheme covers these cats, for treatment of it, in the event it does recur.

**Any further questions, please do ask the animal care team, or contact us.**

**Having this condition may or may not affect your pet insurance. The rescue centre is not able to be responsible for what pet insurance companies will cover.**