

Calicivirus in Ringworm Cats

The treatment and clearance time for both ringworm and calicivirus can be lengthy, so for cats that are diagnosed with both calicivirus AND ringworm – we do not want to delay treatment for either disease if possible to make cats available as soon as able. However, we must monitor them closely to make sure improving and tolerating all treatments.

If a cat/kitten has calicivirus and ringworm (not just exposure):

1. Check how much cat/kitten eating everyday
2. If cat/kitten is eating ½ or more of the anticipated amount of food for size/age, then okay to proceed with standard ringworm treatment (terbinafine and full lime dips).
3. For days that cat/kitten does not eat ½ or more of anticipated amount of food, withhold treatments that would fall on those days (both terbinafine and lime dips if falls on lime dip day).
4. Any questions or concerns about individual cats – contact clinic.

If a cat/kitten is calici-exposed and has ringworm

1. Follow same protocol EXCEPT these cats will receive spot treatment instead of full dips (to avoid potentially spreading calicivirus by sharing lime dip container).
2. Dip noncalici exposed first and then pour that used dip into dixie cups (one per exposed cat) and use that with disposable cotton balls to spot treat. Wash hands between each cat.