



# Edgewood Veterinary Tips

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## Anemia In Cats

In a healthy cat, the gums, nose, and tongue are a nice shade of pink. In an anemic cat, they are pale pink or white. Anemia can make a cat feel sluggish and tired, but those symptoms can be present in many different illnesses and are not an absolute indicator of anemia. Anemia is the result of the cat having too few red blood cells. There are quite a few potential causes for anemia ranging from parasites or traumatic injuries in which the cat loses a lot of blood to certain tumors and chronic conditions. The outcome of tests to determine the cause of anemia will determine the treatment.

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P.S. In emergency situations, an anemic cat can receive a blood transfusion to save its life.



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