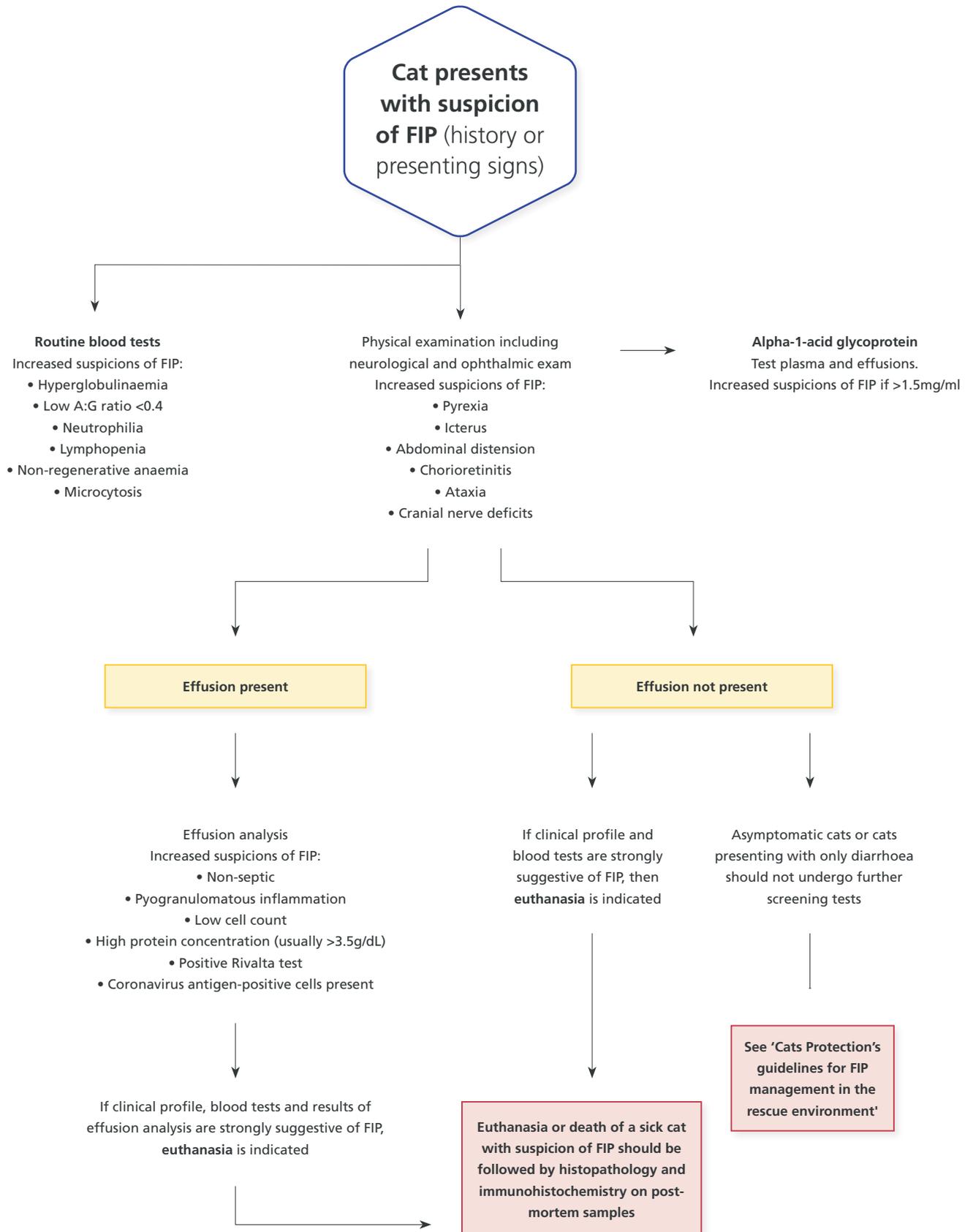




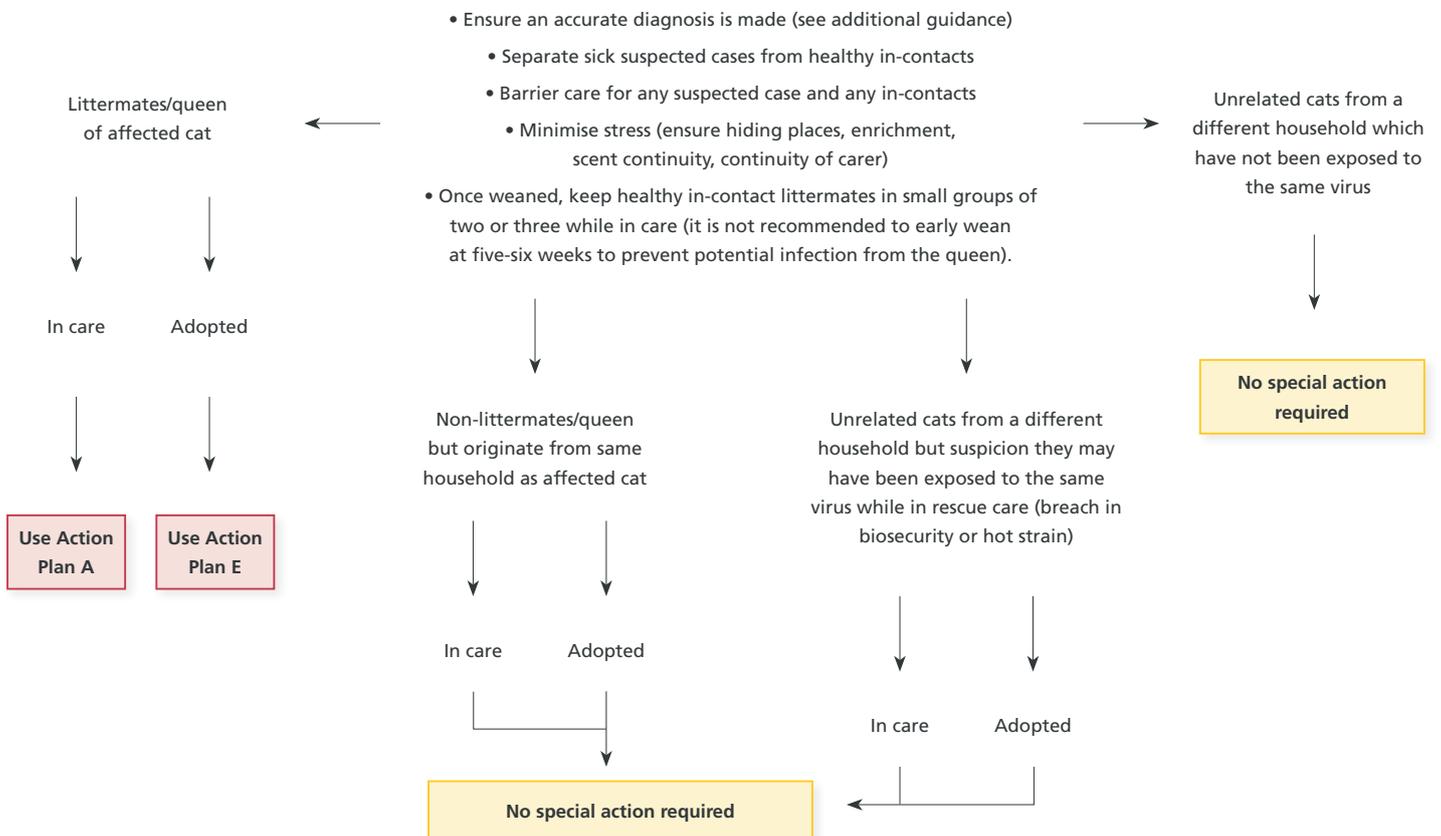
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Scenario 1: A single case of FIP

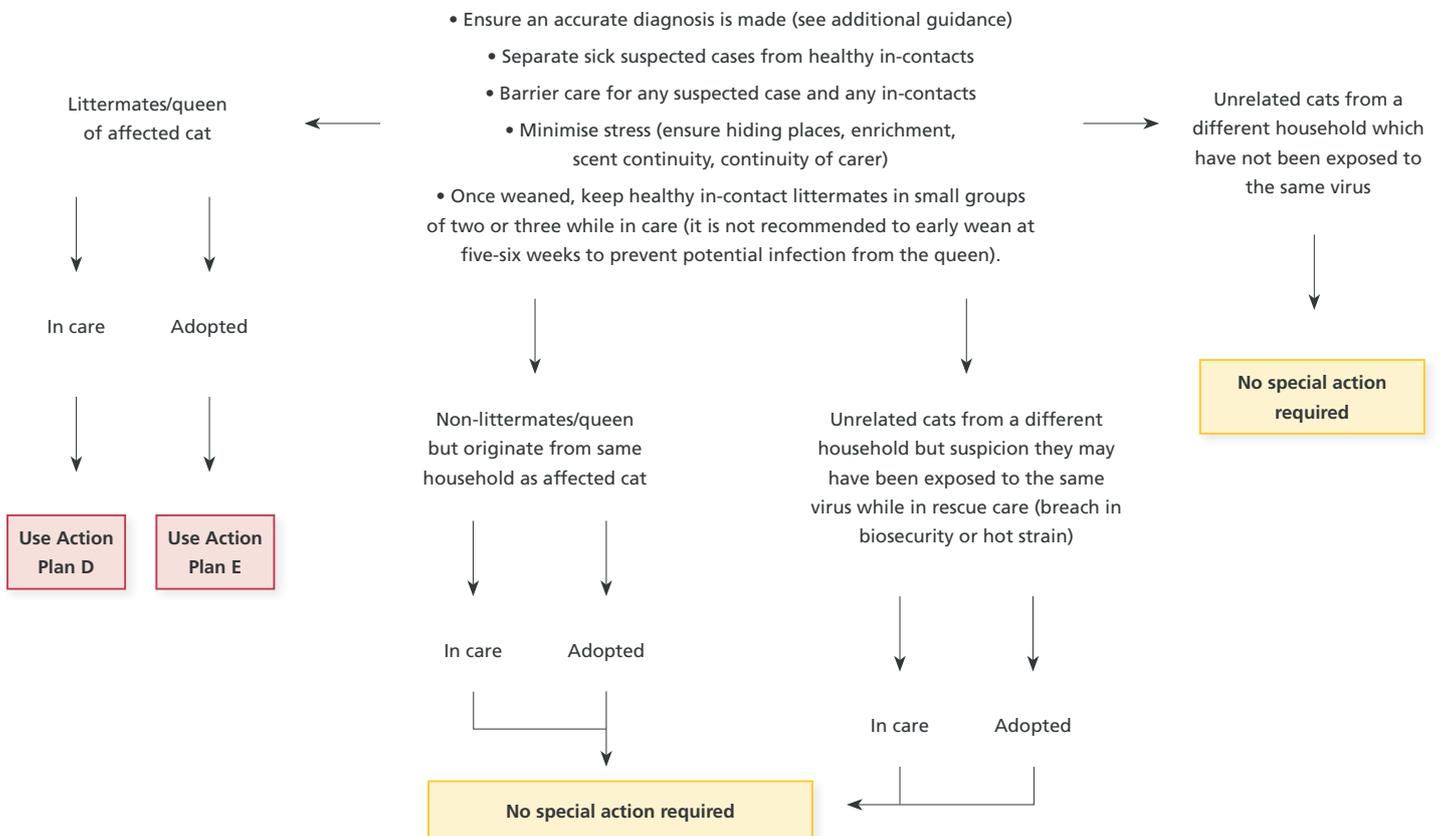


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Scenario 2: More than one case of FIP occurring in the same litter

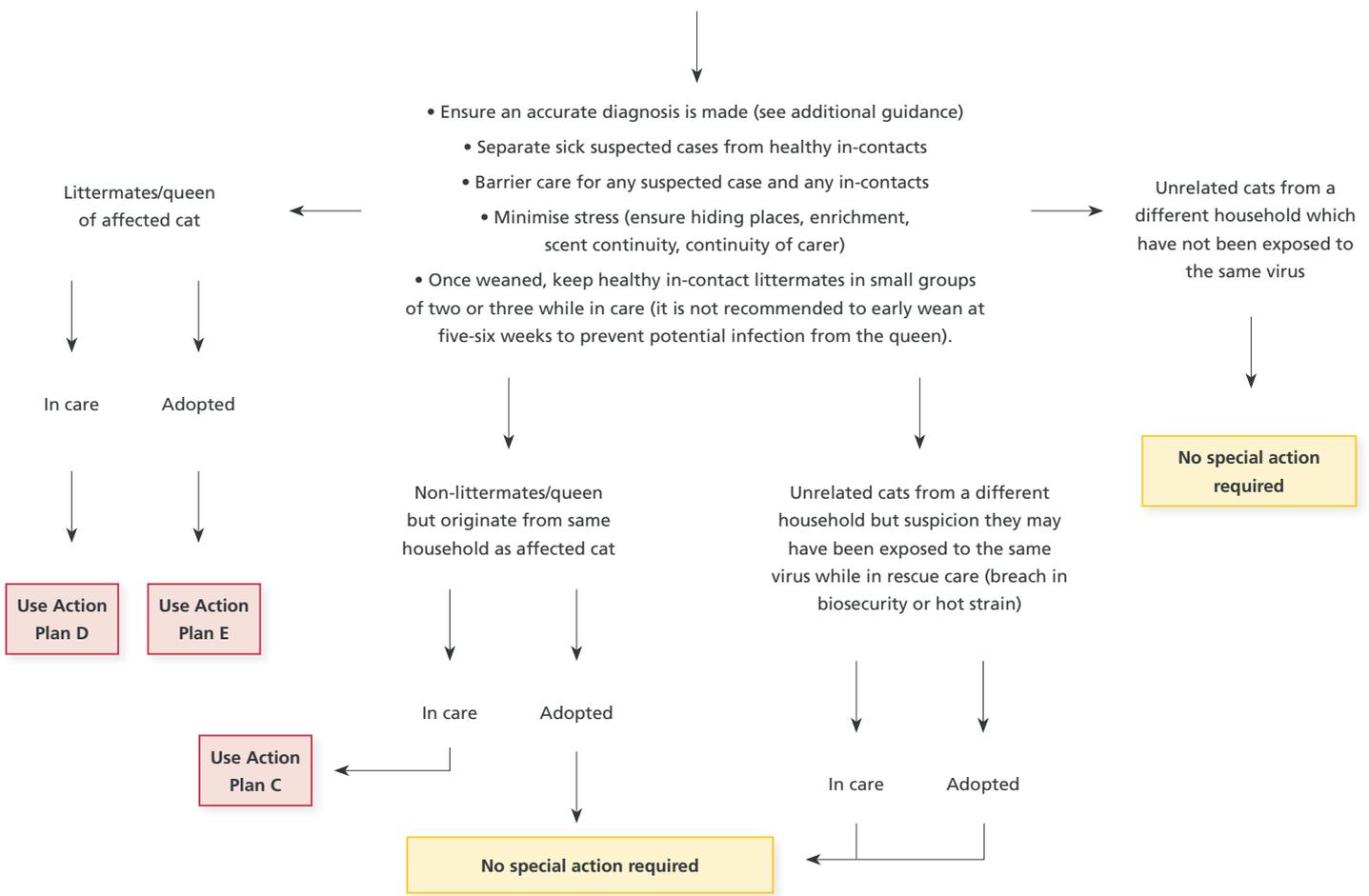


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Scenario 3: More than one case of FIP occurring in different litters of cats originating from the same household

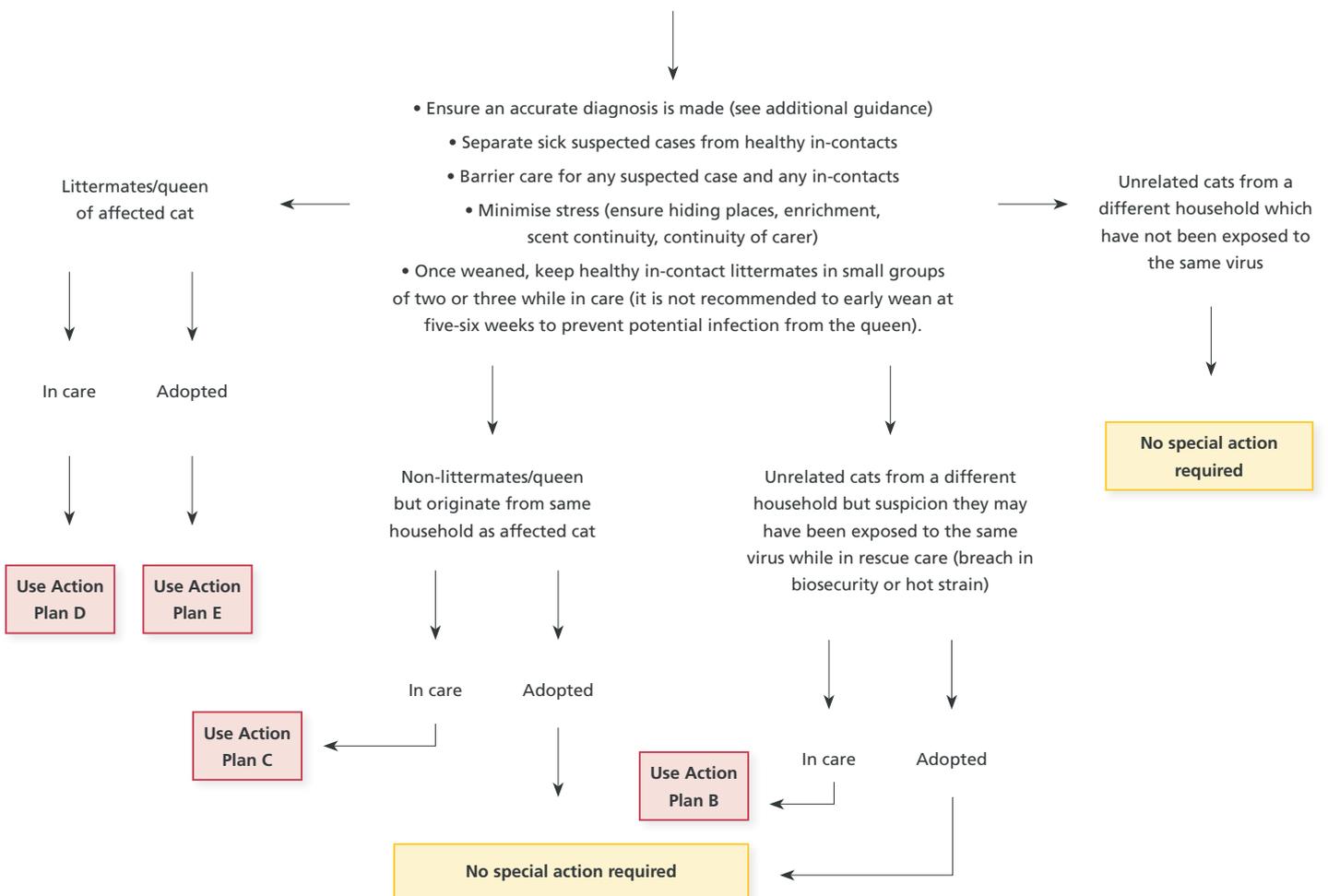


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Scenario 4: Outbreak - more than one case of FIP in different litters of cats originating from different households



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Action Plan A

Isolate and barrier care?	YES
Routine vaccination as normal?	YES
Neuter	From first vaccination
Hold back in care following date of last stressor	Four weeks
Type of home for adoption	Single cat home
Advice for adopter	POST-ADOPTION FIP HANDOUT, specific disclosure on medical summary form*

Action Plan B

Isolate and barrier care?	YES
Routine vaccination as normal?	YES
Neuter	From first vaccination
Hold back in care following date of last stressor	Four weeks
Type of home for adoption	No special homing requirements
Advice for adopter	General disclosure on medical summary form**

Action Plan C

Isolate and barrier care?	YES
Routine vaccination as normal?	YES
Neuter	From first vaccination
Hold back in care following date of last stressor	Four weeks
Type of home for adoption	Single cat home
Advice for adopter	General disclosure on medical summary form**

Action Plan D

Isolate and barrier care?	YES
Routine vaccination as normal?	YES
Neuter	From first vaccination
Hold back in care following date of last stressor	Eight weeks
Type of home for adoption	Single cat home
Advice for adopter	POST-ADOPTION FIP HANDOUT, specific disclosure on medical summary form*

Action Plan E

ACTION PLAN E - informing owners of littermates already adopted

Gently advise by telephone call first, offering guidance on stress management and litter tray hygiene, then send the POST-ADOPTION FIP HANDOUT.

Points to note:

- It is rare for resident cats to succumb to FIP when a new FCoV shedding cat is introduced. More commonly, perhaps due to the stress of rehoming, it is the newly introduced cat, if any, that develops FIP.
- Unfortunately, there are no tests that can guide whether a cat will develop FIP, and no timeframe exists after exposure during which it is safe to assume a cat won't go on to develop FIP.
- Faecal RT-PCR and antibody tests can be performed repeatedly over time, as these may show reduced viral load and antibody levels respectively, but interpretation is complex, and will not change the outcome.
- It must be noted that FCoV is a common virus. The introduction of a new cat to a household always carries the risk of introduction of FCoV, but fortunately for most cats, FCoV does not cause a problem.

***Specific FIP disclosure:** One or more of your adopted cat's kittens/littermates/queen has developed Feline Infectious Peritonitis. It is likely that your adopted cat has been exposed to FCoV and may potentially develop the disease, although only around 1-10% of cats infected by the virus usually go on to develop FIP. Unfortunately there is no test to determine if this will occur. We advise that you read the PRE-ADOPTION FIP HANDOUT provided before adopting this cat. We advise that the cat is adopted with his/her littermates/queen only and not another cat, to a home without resident cats.

****General FIP disclosure:** We have lost some kittens to the virus that can cause Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP). There is no test to determine which cats infected with FCoV will develop FIP. If your adopted cat shows any signs of ill health, please seek veterinary advice and let us know."