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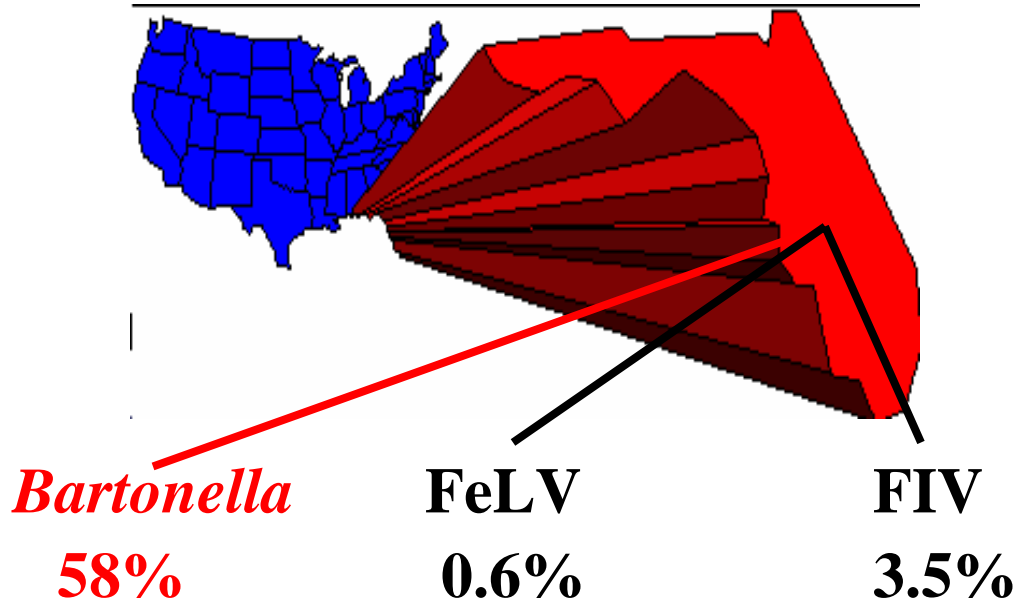
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## Florida



### Three Common Feline Pathogens: Prevalence in Healthy Cats in Florida



Treatment **Yes**  
Available

No

No

**Summary:** Only 0.6% and 3.5% of healthy Florida cats are infected with the feline leukemia virus (FeLV) or the feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) respectively. However, 58% of healthy Florida cats are infected with the bacteria *Bartonella*. There is no treatment for FeLV and FIV infections but your veterinarian has very effective antibiotic treatment for *Bartonella* infection. Importantly, *Bartonella* infected healthy cats often develop numerous inflammatory diseases and can transmit their infection to people, via scratches or bites. Infected people may then develop mild to severe disease of various organs such as the lymph nodes, eye, heart and brain.