The clinical signs your cat presented with today suggest a respiratory virus caused by herpesvirus or calicivirus.

**Your cat has NOT been prescribed antibiotics because antibiotics are not effective in treating viral infections and can cause adverse effects such as inappetence, vomiting and diarrhea.**

These viruses run their course over 7-10 days without specific therapy.

Your great nursing care at home can help!
- Keep your cat’s nose clean using a soft wet washcloth or cotton ball as needed.
- Use a humidifier with water (no medication) in the room where your cat sleeps.
- Offer canned food that is warmed to increase its aroma and tempt your cat’s appetite (be sure it’s not too hot!).

**Over-the-Counter Medication:**
- L-Lysine 250-500mg by mouth every 12 hours with food might be helpful for some cats with herpesvirus

**Additional Tips:**
- Try to minimize stress for your cat during his/her recovery.
- Keep isolated from new cats to minimize spread of disease.
- Please call or bring your cat back in for recheck if clinical signs do not improve in ________ days or worsen at any time.