

FELINE LOWER

Urinary Tract Disease

Feline lower urinary tract disease is a collection of conditions affecting the bladder and urethra of cats. It's usually seen in middle aged cats, but can occur at any time.



SYMPTOMS

- Bloody urine
- Excessive licking around genital area
- Straining to urinate
- Frequent trips to the litter box
- Crying out while urinating
- Urinating outside the litter box

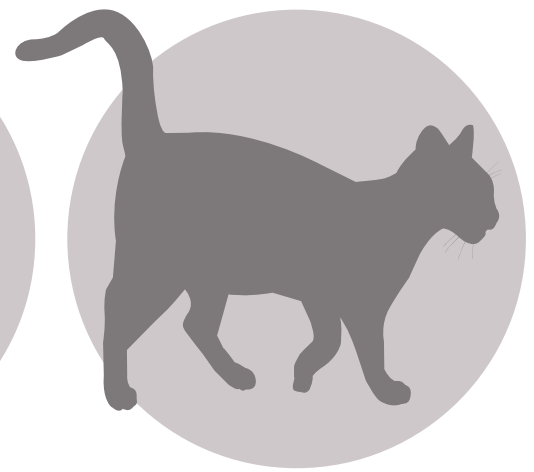


CAUSES

Feline Idiopathic Cystitis
Inflammation of the bladder, often caused by stress.

Urinary Stones
Collections of minerals that form in the urinary tract of cats, diagnosed by x-ray or ultrasound and usually treated with a special diet and medication.

Urethral Obstruction
A partial or total blockage of a cat's urethra. It is a medical emergency and requires immediate treatment. This problem is usually seen in adult male cats.



WHAT TO DO

- Call the veterinarian immediately – some causes can be fatal if not treated immediately
- Feed your cat small, frequent meals – a special diet may be necessary
- Provide clean and fresh water at all times
- Keep litter boxes clean and in safe, quiet areas
- Avoid major changes in routine