

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