



Urinary Tract Infections



UTI's are a common problem in pets. Other problems such as bladder stones or urinary obstructions can also show similar symptoms.

Common signs associated with a UTI

1. Straining or difficulty urinating
2. Blood in the urine
3. Foul smelling urine
4. Urinating in inappropriate places
5. Tender bladder or abdomen upon touching
6. Lethargy or lack of energy

If your pet is experiencing any of these symptoms, your pet needs to be examined by a veterinarian.

If possible, it is important to collect a clean/sterile urine sample to bring to the appointment for a urinalysis and possibly a urine culture. Either use a sterile urine cup provided by our office or a glass jar in which you have cleaned with boiling water. Otherwise the urine specimen could be contaminated with debris/bacteria in the container. Refrigerate the sample for no longer than 24 hours.

If there is ever any question that your pet might have a urinary problem, please bring your pet in to his/her appointment with a full bladder and do not take them for a potty break before coming into the building for an appointment—otherwise we cannot collect a urine sample when they have an empty bladder.