

## Bladder Disease

Your pet has been diagnosed with bladder disease.

A fairly common problem seen in cats & dogs, bladder disease needs to be diagnosed early and treated aggressively to give your pet the quickest recovery time.

Testing must be done to properly stage and treat your pet's bladder disease.

Your pet will need some or all of the following testing to determine the stage of your pet's bladder disease and to determine which natural medications will be most effective. Keep in mind, the sooner the testing is done, the sooner your pet can be treated using only natural therapies without the need of conventional medications. Please note that some treatment will be started today to help your pet on its way to recovery while we are awaiting results of additional testing.

If not already done, your pet may need the following tests to complete his/her bladder evaluation:

Chest/Abdominal Radiographs (X-rays) – These are done to evaluate the presence of bladder disease in your pet's body.

Abdominal ultrasound– This looks for bladder issues that might not be seen on a conventional radiographs (X-rays).

Blood Profile/ Urinalysis – These tests are done to see if another disease is present which might be affecting your pet's bladder disease, or to see if organ damage has already occurred from your pet's bladder disease. Also, these tests measure levels of inflammatory markers which will be used to monitor your pet's treatment.

Urine Culture- This test is done to determine if specific microorganisms are causing your pet's bladder disease and to assist in treatment.

Fecal Analysis – Various tests are done on your pet's feces to help determine the presence of parasites which can impact your pet's bladder treatment. These can include a microscopic fecal analysis looking for parasites, bacteria, and yeasts; Giardia, a parasite easily transmissible to people; and a fecal culture or PCR Test looking for DNA of specific microorganisms.

In order to slow down/stop the progression of your pet's bladder disease, please schedule your pet's bladder evaluation within the next one to two weeks if not already completed during today's appointment.

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