HOW NATURALPET.HEALTH CAN HELP YOUR CAT’S BLADDER

POSSIBLE REASONS FOR BLADDER SYMPTOMS— INCREASED URINATION, STRAINING, BLOODY URINE

- Sterile bladder inflammation— over 80%, most commonly caused by stress
- Bladder infection— 10-20% of cases
- Kidney disease — present in over 80% of cats over 10 years of age
- Bladder cancer
- Symptom of non-urinary disease like Diabetes or Cushing’s Disease

TO GET YOU THE ANSWERS YOU NEED, YOUR VETERINARIAN SHOULD DO...

- Urinalysis
- Blood panel to evaluate kidneys, liver, and overall metabolic health
- Ultrasound examination to evaluate bladder and kidney structure
- Urinary culture/sensitivity for refractory infections

TREATMENT MODES:

A) DRUGS

- Antibiotics — Convenia is a longlasting injection, Clavamox the old standby oral drug
- Pain Relief — typically oral liquid Buprenex or gabapentin
- Fluid therapy to dilute urine
- Other, depending upon cause

B) INTEGRATIVE CARE

- FELIWAY calming pheromones
- Religious dental prophylaxis to minimize bacterial populations in blood.
- Laser treatment of the bladder to reduce inflammation and help kill bacteria
- Vetriscience Pro Bladder Support — Western herbal support for the urinary tract.
- Fish Oil to provide 50 mg of Omega 3 Fatty Acids per lb body weight per day
- Soothe urinary tract support chews, which contain...
  - Glucosamine to line and protect bladder wall
  - d-Mannose as a “natural antibiotic”
  - tryptophan to help reduce stress

C) PRESCRIPTION DIET — Goal is generally more acidic urine or as required for underlying diseases.

- Blue Buffalo KM
- Royal Canin SO
- Hill’s C/D

MONITORING

- Recheck urinalysis 14-21 d after beginning treatment, then every 3 mos for a year
- Additional tests as dictated by other factors.

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