



## HOW NATURALPET.HEALTH CAN HELP YOUR DOG'S BLADDER

### POSSIBLE REASONS FOR BLADDER SYMPTOMS: Straining to urinate, increased frequency, bloody urine.

- Bladder infection
- Bladder stones, especially in Schnauzers
- Bladder cancer
- Symptom of non-urinary disease like diabetes or Cushings's disease
- Hormonal urinary incontinence of spayed females — urinary leakage while sleeping

### TESTS YOUR VETERINARIAN SHOULD RUN FOR AN ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS

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

### DRUG THERAPY FOR BLADDER INFLAMMATION IN DOGS

- Antibiotics— longlasting Convenia injection or old standby oral Clavamox
- Pain relief is sometimes needed.
- Fluid therapy to help dilute urine
- Proin to tighten urethral sphincter in spayed female dogs leaving puddles while sleeping.

### INTEGRATIVE CARE

- Curcumin** 50 mg per lb body weight to reduce inflammation... naturally.
- Laser treatment to reduce inflammation and help kill bacteria
- Vetriscience Pro Bladder Support**— Western herbal support for the urinary tract.
- Fish Oil** to provide 50 mg per lb body weight of Omega 3 Fatty Acids per day
- Urinary acidifying supplements**
- Glucosamine** to line and protect bladder wall
- d-Mannose** as a “natural antibiotic”
- Religious dental prophylaxis to minimize bacterial populations in blood.

### DIET — Goal is usually more acidic urine or as required for bladder stone dissolution

- Prescription: BlueWU, Royal Canin SO, Hill's C/D
- homecooked?

### MONITORING

- Recheck urinalysis 14-21 d after beginning treatment, then every 3 mos for a year
- Urinary culture/sensitivity if symptoms recur
- Other tests as needed for underlying disease.

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