

Feline Lower Urinary Track Disease

1 | WHAT IS IT?

FLUTD is a condition that affects the bladder and urethra of cats. It can be due to urinary stones, urinary infection, cystitis and general obstruction of the urethra.



2 | SYMPTOMS

Cats with FLUTD most often show signs of difficulty and pain when urinating, increased frequency of urination, and blood in the urine. They tend to lick themselves excessively and may stop urinating all together (in which case is life threatening.)

3 | DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT

FLUTD is diagnosed with a physical examination in which the vet will assess the bladder. A urinalysis, blood test or ultrasound can help confirm the condition. If your cat cannot urinate at all, an emergency anaesthetic procedure is necessary to unblock the bladder.



4 | WHO'S SUSCEPTIBLE?

It can happen at any age, but is most likely to occur in middle-aged, overweight, male cats that get little exercise. It is also seen predominantly in cats that eat a dry diet and live indoors. Stress and multi-cat households may increase the risk.



5 | WHAT CAN I DO AT HOME?

Cats that have had this issue are more prone to reoccurrence. To avoid this, feed a specific urinary diet, add extra litter boxes, a stress-free environment (Feliway pheromone spray can help), and add more water into their diet.

If you would like to know more about this condition, please call us on 49556670 and speak to our friendly nurses.