

## FELINE LOWER

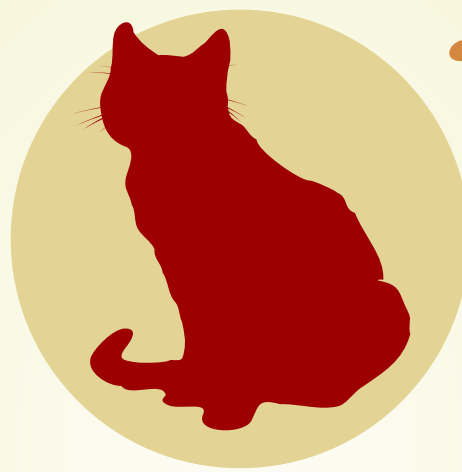
# Urinary Tract Disease

Feline lower urinary tract disease is a collection of conditions affecting the bladder and urethra of cats. It's usually seen in middle aged cats, but can occur at any time.



### SYMPTOMS

- Bloody urine
- Excessive licking around genital area
- Straining to urinate
- Frequent trips to the litter box
- Crying out while urinating
- Urinating outside the litter box

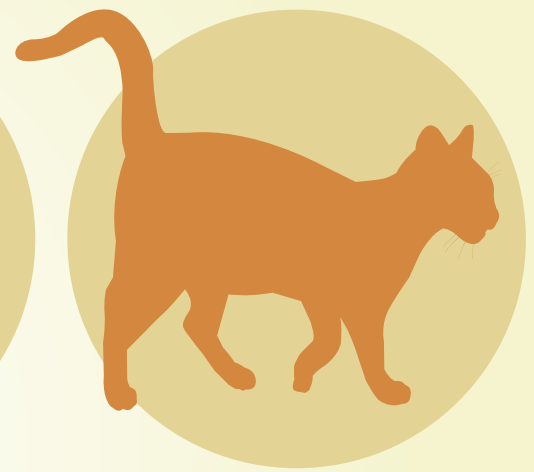


### CAUSES

**Feline Idiopathic Cystitis**  
Inflammation of the bladder, often caused by stress.

**Urinary Stones**  
Collections of minerals that form in the urinary tract of cats, diagnosed by x-ray or ultrasound and usually treated with a special diet and medication.

**Urethral Obstruction**  
A partial or total blockage of a cat's urethra. It is a medical emergency and requires immediate treatment. This problem is usually seen in adult male cats.



### WHAT TO DO

- Call the veterinarian immediately – some causes can be fatal if not treated immediately
- Feed your cat small, frequent meals – a special diet may be necessary
- Provide clean and fresh water at all times
- Keep litter boxes clean and in safe, quiet areas
- Avoid major changes in routine