

Urinary Obstruction

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Overview

Urinary obstruction is an acute obstruction of the urinary tract. In dogs, it is usually caused by stones. Although this disease can affect any pet, it is most common in males.

Urinary obstruction can quickly become life-threatening and should be treated as a medical emergency.

Diagnosis and Treatment Notes:

- Urinary obstruction is generally diagnosed by a thorough history and physical examination. Urinalysis and abdominal x-rays are often recommended. Abdominal ultrasound may also be performed.
- Treatment depends on the severity of the disease, your individual pet, and your veterinarian. Pets with urinary obstruction are treated by relieving the obstruction with catheterization and flushing the bladder with sterile fluid. Pets are also treated with antibiotics and pain medications. Discuss treatment details when your pet is diagnosed with this condition.

What to Watch for*:

- Blood in the urine
- Increased attempts to urinate
- Straining to urinate with no urine production
- Crying when trying to urinate
- Increased grooming of the genital region

**Please notify us if you notice any of the above signs or if you have any questions!*