



# Animal Clinic of Rockford

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## FELINE INAPPROPRIATE VOIDING

### CAUSES:

1. Idiopathic cystitis caused by environmental stressors: litterbox aversion, noisy location, confrontation with another animal or human, moving to a new house etc.
2. Medical problems: crystals in the urine, bacterial infection, diabetes, kidney disease, constipation, parasites etc.

Diagnosis Plan: Blood test, urine test, fecal exam, X-ray to rule out most medical problems (stones). Idiopathic cystitis is a diagnosis of exclusion.

### TREATMENT:

1. Calming medications: Try Feliway first, if that doesn't help discuss Fluoxetine with your DVM or other medications
  2. Antibiotics to cover secondary infection.
  3. Treat any underlying medical problems mentioned above.
  4. Environmental measures to reduce stress: provide more than one litterbox per cat, in a quiet place; feed dry and can food separately, preferably in separate areas of the house; isolate other animals for a few weeks if possible; reduce noise and lighting if possible; clean litterboxes regularly
  5. Do not punish your cat for inappropriate voiding, it will not help!
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