

Kidney disease in pets.

Six things you need to know.

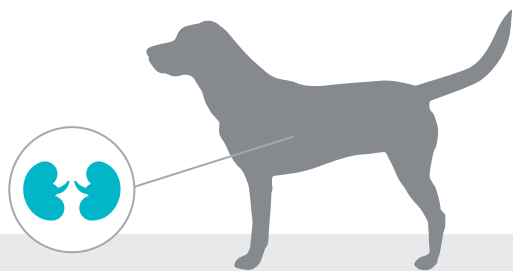
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It is estimated that over 1 in 3 cats¹ and 1 in 10 dogs² will develop kidney disease in their lifetimes. Recent studies suggest kidney disease is even more common and until now has been under-recognized.^{3,4}

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Certain risk factors might make pets more likely to develop kidney disease, such as Lyme disease in dogs, kidney stones, infections, toxins, injuries, genetic abnormalities, cancer and others.^{1,2}

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Important warning signs of kidney disease may be very subtle and include drinking more, peeing more, weight and activity changes, vomiting, bad breath or other hard-to-recognize signals.^{1,2}

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Early diagnosis, before signs become obvious, can be key in identifying the base cause of kidney disease. This provides more time to treat the underlying cause or to slow progression of the disease and also may help your pet to feel well for as long as possible.

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Your veterinarian can give you tips for keeping your pet's kidneys healthy and your pet happy as long as possible, including strategies for avoiding dehydration or getting your pet to drink more water.^{1,2}

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The new kidney screening test, the IDEXX SDMA™ Test, may help your veterinarian identify chronic kidney disease in cats and dogs months or even years earlier than traditional methods.⁴

Ask your veterinarian about your pet's kidney health today and visit pethealthnetwork.com for more kidney facts.

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