

Kidney Disease

Staging is undertaken once Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) has been diagnosed in order to facilitate the appropriate treatment and monitoring of your pet. Staging is based on fasting creatinine and followed with urine protein levels and blood pressure measurement to get a better idea of the ongoing treatment requirements of your pet.

The essentials of management of kidney disease in dogs and cats may include:

What we can do:

- Identifying and treating any underlying diseases
- Monitoring blood creatinine, urea, red blood cell, and protein levels every 3 months
- Monitoring blood pressure every 3 months
- Monitoring of urine Protein : Creatinine ratio
- Urine analysis
- Intravenous Fluid Therapy

What you can do:

- Always have fresh water available to prevent dehydration.
- Management of high blood pressure to prevent further kidney damage with oral medication
- Renal diet therapy
- Subcutaneous fluid therapy at home
- Medication eg Semintra or Fortekor to support kidney function

There is no cure for renal failure, only a good management plan.

If you are worried about anything, especially loss of appetite, vomiting, dehydration, excessive tiredness, or weight loss please call the clinic to make an appointment for a progress exam earlier than scheduled

Regular revisits and weigh checks are recommended to give to best possible care.