

Pyometra

Pyometra is a serious and potentially life-threatening infection of the uterus.

Unspayed female cats and dogs are at risk for pyometra, an infection of the uterine lining that can be triggered by repeatedly going into heat. In some cases, the entire uterus can fill with pus and make your pet dangerously ill.

- ▶ Pyometra is a serious disease that requires immediate veterinary care. Spaying your female pets is the best prevention.

What does it look like?

Common signs:

- Decreased appetite
- Excessive thirst
- Vomiting
- Increased urination
- Fever
- Abdominal pain or distension
- Vaginal discharge



How is it diagnosed?

- Clinical signs, like fever and discharge
- Physical exam results
- Blood or other lab tests
- X-rays or ultrasounds

How is it treated?

Pyometra requires surgical removal of the uterus and extensive postsurgical therapy with intravenous fluids, antibiotics, and pain medications. Medical management alone is often unsuccessful. Pets may die from this infection.

- ▶ The best way to prevent pyometra is by spaying your female dog and cat.



How to help your pet

- Spay female pets as recommended by your veterinary team
- After surgery, carefully follow all aftercare and postsurgical instructions, and administer all medications as prescribed
- Monitor your pet's progress carefully and schedule checkups as directed
- Contact your veterinary team with any questions

