



Urinary Issues

It happens. Urinating in the house, straining to urinate when outside, lots of small urine amounts, blood seen in the urine. These are all suspicious signs of a urinary tract infection.

It really helps us if you can bring a **FRESH** sample taken within the hour. In some cases,

if there is a bladder present we can get a sample. Please keep this in mind if you are coming to see us about a urinary issue.

Fecals

A good sample is always helpful in determining parasites in dogs or cats with diarrhea. Some eggs do not show up easily, so the larger the sample the greater the chance of seeing them. If you are going to start a **puppy plan or kitten plan** then bringing a sample to your first visit really helps us determine any worm load. If you actually see worms in your pets stool, then bringing the worm in for identification is also helpful to determine a treatment plan. Thank you.

Thyroid checks

Having thyroid levels checked in your dog or cat is encouraged. It allows us to see if the medication is actually doing anything. Screening tests are best done 4-6 hours after the morning pill. Therefore, in most households, a test done around 11AM-2PM would be around 4-6 hours after the pill has been given. If you are getting a thyroid check done, please consider this.