



## COMMON MEDICAL CONDITIONS IN CATS AND DOGS

CATEGORY	EXAMPLES OF COMMON DISEASES	PREVALENCE	SYMPTOMS	DIAGNOSTIC RECOMMENDATIONS
Dental	Periodontal disease, gingivitis, oral cancer	85% of dogs and cats over 6 years of age	Bad breath, redness in gums, swollen gums, oral mass	Oral exam, bloodwork, x-rays, biopsy, urinalysis
Liver	Inflammatory, degenerative and cancerous liver disease	Common in older dogs, less common in cats	Decreased appetite, weight loss, vomiting, diarrhea, increased thirst/urination	Physical exam, bloodwork, x-rays, ultrasound, biopsy, urinalysis
Kidney	Kidney failure, bladder stones, kidney infection, kidney insufficiency	10% of dogs over 12 > 50% of cats	Increased thirst / urination, decreased appetite, weight loss, vomiting, diarrhea, back pain	Physical exam, bloodwork, x-rays, ultrasound, urinalysis, urine culture
Heart and Lungs	Cardiac disease, pneumonia, bronchitis, emphysema	6.7% of all dogs, data in process for cats	Decreased stamina, coughing, difficulty breathing, weight loss, pot belly	Chest x-rays, ECG, blood pressure, baseline bloodwork, ultrasound, urinalysis
Joints	Arthritis, hip dysplasia, back disease	20% of adult dogs, lower in cats	Lameness, reluctance to walk or exercise, difficulty rising, decreased appetite, discomfort p pain	Physical exam, bloodwork, Lyme test, x-rays, urinalysis, joint assessment
Endocrine System	Diabetes mellitus, hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism, hypoadrenocorticism, hyperadrenocorticism	10% of cats and dogs	Noticeable weight change, increased appetite without weight gain, vomiting, increased water consumption, frequent urination, change in energy level	Physical exam, Bloodwork, specific endocrine profile, urinalysis
Cancer	Cancers of the skin, spleen, liver, lymphoid tissue, etc.	50% of pets over the age of 10	Bleeding, lumps, irritated skin, identified mass, swollen lymph nodes, vomiting, diarrhea	Physical exam, bloodwork, cytology, biopsy, urinalysis
Eyes	Cataracts, dry eye, glaucoma	Many ocular diseases are inherited; often develops after 8 years of age	Gray, bluish hue at the center of the eye, rubbing, pressing head against objects, swelling, redness, irritation, tearing	Ocular exam, baseline bloodwork, urinalysis
Gastrointestinal Disease	Inflammatory bowel disease, pancreatitis, cancer, colitis	Common among cats and dogs	Vomiting, diarrhea, weight loss, fluid gain	Physical exam, bloodwork, urinalysis, x-ray, ultrasound, endoscopy, biopsy