

Information on IBD:



When your cat's tummy troubles don't go away, it's their way of saying something's wrong. To get your cat back into belly-scratching form, let's talk about feline inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).

IBD is a chronic condition of inflammation in a cat's gastrointestinal tract. Its symptoms vary widely and include vomiting, diarrhea, weight loss, poor appetite, and gurgling sounds from the abdomen. We don't know exactly why some cats get it and others don't, and unfortunately since there's no one symptom that can confirm feline IBD, it's often considered as a possible cause for many kitty GI issues.

Because of that, IBD is a diagnosis of exclusion, meaning we have to make sure to rule out other issues that might be causing the symptoms. This process can vary widely, making this disease a tricky one to encounter. Depending on your cat's individual signs and physical exam, we might recommend a variety of tests, lab work, or imaging before being confident enough to diagnose it as truly IBD and begin discussing management.

Treatment of IBD is, you guessed it, widely variable! Depending on the clinical signs, we may suggest a diet change, medications, supplements, or a combination approach. We always base our recommendations on your individual cat's health needs, which are as unique as their personalities. While IBD is not technically "cured," we can manage the disease for a long time.

Monitoring IBD involves a combination of watching at home, recheck exams as needed, and sometimes testing. We might adjust or change medications or try different foods, and we follow every cat closely to make sure there is nothing else we need to look for or do for them. One might even say that monitoring IBD is widely variable.

We love all our kitty patients and want them to feel great all the time. So if you notice your cat having weird stomach issues or losing weight, please schedule an appointment with us



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