

Hyperthyroidism

Primary tests

T4, TSH

It is said that **1 in 10 senior cats (7 yrs. old and older)** has the disease.

Q Characteristic clinical signs

✓ Let's check it out

- ☐ Weight loss
- ☐ Polyphagia (eating a lot but losing weight)
- ☐ Excessive drinking and urination
- ☐ Tachycardia (increased heart rate)
- ☐ Changes in behavior such as aggression
- ☐ Poor fur
- ☐ Enlargement (swelling) of the thyroid glands

Common concurrent diseases

- Thyrototoxic myocardial disorder
- Renal failure
- Systemic hypertension
- Gastrointestinal disorder

Treatment

- Medical therapy: Administration of antithyroid drugs, diet therapy (therapeutic food)
- Surgical therapy: Removal of the thyroid gland

Point

If worsening of symptoms can be controlled by early detection and treatment, cats can lead a normal life even after the onset of the disease.

Chronic kidneydisease (CDK)

Primary tests

Urea nitrogen, creatinine, sodium, potassium, chloride, inorganic phosphorus

About **30% to 50%** of cats aged 15 years and older have **chronic kidney disease**.

Q Characteristic clinical signs

✓ Let's check it out

- ☐ Weight loss
- ☐ Vomiting
- ☐ Anemia
- ☐ Diarrhea
- ☐ Excessive drinking and urination

Point

It is recommended for your cat to have a urine test and blood test once or twice a year, since symptoms are unlikely to be clearly visible in the early stages.

Please consult your veterinarian for details.

Memo

How old is your cat in human years?

Age conversion table (yrs.; reference)

Cat	Human
1	17
2	23
3	28
4	32
5	36
6	40
7	44
8	48
9	52
10	56
11	60
12	64
13	68
14	72
15	76
16	80
17	84
18	88
19	92
20	96

From what age and how often should your cat get a health check-up?

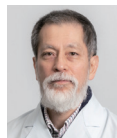
1 year old and older

Once a year

Senior age (7 years old and older)

Twice a year

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