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How much do you know about kidney disease and your cat? Take our quiz to find out.

1. How many cats will likely get kidney disease in their lifetimes?

- A. 1 out of 10, or less—only a few cats
- B. 3 out of 10, or more—lots of cats
- C. 9 out of 10—virtually all cats

Answer: B. 3 out of 10, or more—lots of cats.

In fact, recent studies estimate that 80% of cats over 15 years old have some form of kidney-health concern. [Learn more about chronic kidney disease \(sometimes called kidney failure\) in cats.](#)

2. Which of these is a job performed by the kidneys?

- A. Eliminating protein wastes
- B. Balancing body water, salts and acids
- C. Producing high quality urine
- D. All of the above

Answer: D. All of the above.

Healthy and happy kidneys are important for eliminating protein wastes, balancing body water, salts and acids and producing "high quality" urine. [Learn more about all of the important jobs the kidneys have.](#)

3. Common warning signs of kidney disease include:

- A. Drinking more
- B. Vomiting
- C. Kidney disease does not ever show any signs
- D. A and B

Answer: D. A and B.

While these are common signs that may appear, cats with early or mild kidney disease may not show signs at all. [Learn more about detecting signs of kidney disease.](#)

4. A kidney stone is also known as:

- A. Pollakiuria
- B. Chylothorax
- C. Nephrolith
- D. Vizsla

Answer: C. Nephrolith.

[Learn more about kidney stones in cats.](#)

5. Identify the test your veterinarian is least likely to run if kidney disease is suspected

- A. SDMA Testing
- B. Fecal flotation
- C. Complete chemistry with electrolytes
- D. Urinalysis

Answer: B. Fecal flotation.

[Fecal floatation](#) may be used to help your veterinarian detect internal parasites, but is not a standard test for kidney disease. [Learn more about testing for kidney disease in cats.](#)

6. How many true lily petals would my cat need to eat to risk serious kidney damage?

- A. Less than 3
- B. 5-10
- C. 10-15
- D. 15-20

Answer: A. Less than 3. Lilies are highly toxic to cats and bad news for your cat's kidneys.

[Learn more about highly toxic plants and lily poisoning in cats.](#) If you suspect your cat has snacked on a lily, call your veterinarian immediately.

7. Which common diseases of older cats share signs of increased thirst and urination?

- A. Hyperthyroidism and Diabetes mellitus
- B. Diabetes mellitus and Kidney disease
- C. Kidney disease and Hyperthyroidism
- D. All of the above

Answer: D. All of the above. Cats often hide signs of illness, so increased thirst and urination is not to be ignored.

[Learn more about diabetes mellitus in cats](#) or [hyperthyroidism in cats.](#)

8. Which of these is a highly treatable issue caused by kidney disease?

- A. Hypertension
- B. Hyperthermia
- D. Both A and B

Answer: A. Hypertension.

Also known as high blood pressure, hypertension is common in cats that have kidney disease. [Click here to learn more about managing kidney disease.](#)

9. Which of these conditions could put your cat at greater risk of kidney disease?

- A. Urinary Infection
- B. Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- C. Glomerulonephritis
- D. A and C
- E. B and C

Answer: D. A and C.

If your cat is prone to [urinary infection](#) and [hypertension](#), an issue with the filtration function of the kidney, your veterinarian may also want to monitor for chronic kidney disease.

Kidney Disease Quiz Summary:

How many did you get right? Let us know in the comments below, then share this article to help keep other kitty's kidneys healthy! [Next, check out 6 surprising facts about kidney disease.](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, you should always visit or call your veterinarian -- they are your best resource to ensure the health and well-being of your pets.

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