

## 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?

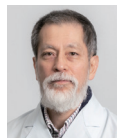
1 year old and older

Once a year

Senior age (7 years old and older)

Twice a year

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# Cat Health Guide



**What Are Common Diseases in Cats?**