

# Dear Cat Owners

## -About Thyroid Blood Test-

Have you ever worried  
that your cat is losing weight?



If one or more of the following symptoms are observed, your cat may have **hyperthyroidism**, a disease that results from excessive levels of thyroid hormone.

☒ Weight loss



☒ Vomiting frequently



☒ Poor fur



☒ More hair falling out than usual



☒ Drinking a lot of water



☒ Very active for his/her age



Most common in cats  
over 8 years of age



## Hyperthyroidism **Q&A**

### **Q** What is the cause?

**A** It is caused by an increase in thyroid hormone, and the thyroid gland may become enlarged.

### **Q** Can it be cured?

**A** The symptoms can often be improved by using anti-thyroid drugs. In some cases, the thyroid glands are removed by surgery.

### **Q** What happens if it gets severe?

**A** Rapid loss of weight and dehydration may lead to kidney failure.

### **Q** What tests are necessary?

**A** A blood sample is taken to check the levels of thyroid-related hormones in the blood. Too much or too little thyroid hormone has a negative impact on cats.

Please consult  
with a veterinarian  
about getting  
your cat tested

