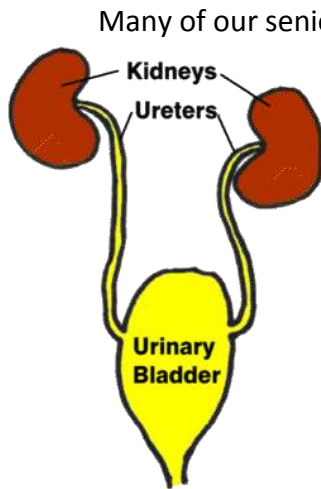


# Chronic Kidney Disease

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Many of our senior pets are affected by kidney disease. Some problems are the result of infections or inflammation while others can be caused by toxins, cancer or trauma. Unfortunately in many cases the inciting cause is long gone before symptoms of kidney disease become apparent. This is due to the fact that our kidneys can maintain their normal function until more than 80% of their capacity is diseased.

Aside from urine production the kidneys are also involved in the removal of toxins from the body, water conservation, red blood cell production, blood pressure regulation, vitamin D activation and more.

Unless diagnosed in its early phases with senior pet blood tests, kidney disease is first suspected when our pets urination and water intake increase dramatically. Since the kidney is not conserving water like it should, the body loses excessive amounts of water (dehydration) which results in the normal response of intaking more water.

Treatment of kidney disease is individually specific and although we can not repair the damaged portion(s) of the kidney we can help our pet manage the symptoms and have a better quality of life. Dietary modification, supplemental fluids and blood pressure medications are commonly used in the treatment of kidney disease.

As with many disease processes early detection and treatment will help our pets live longer and healthier lives.

For more information feel free to contact Cedar Grove Veterinary Services at 920-668-6212, email us at [info@cgvet.com](mailto:info@cgvet.com).

You can also check out these websites for more information.

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