

Feline Chronic Kidney Disease - Clinical Trial

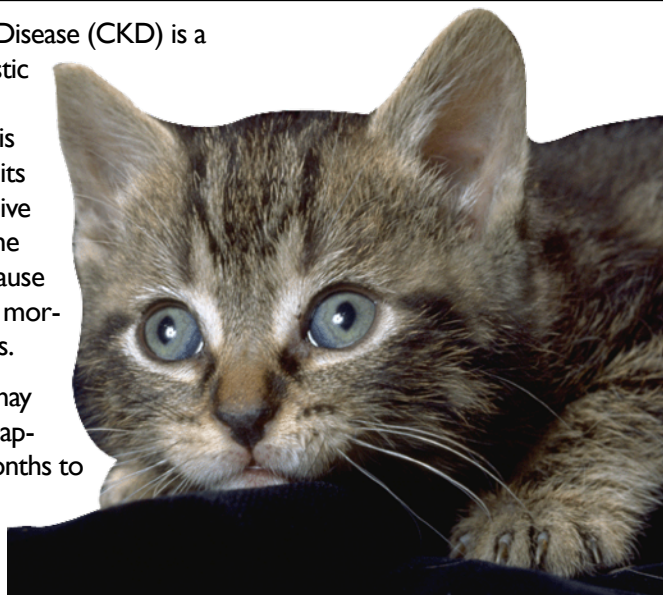
Request for cases

Clinical study with the AHT & Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) is a common diagnostic finding in elderly cats. The disease is characterised by its chronic, progressive nature and it is the most common cause of morbidity and mortality in older cats.

- ▶ The disease may be clinically inapparent for months to years but once end-stage failure is reached the prognosis is very poor.
- ▶ Early management and therapeutic intervention is important to successfully influence prognosis for CKD.

The Feline Unit at the Animal Health Trust (AHT) together with Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health has currently set up a clinical field study (ATC 00015/0019) to evaluate the effect of a novel therapeutic intervention in cats suffering from early to late stage CKD (classified according to the IRIS staging system). This is a blinded, positive controlled study (cats will receive either benazepril or the new therapeutic product) so all cats will receive treatment.



In order to generate valid and statistically relevant data, a large number of cats need to be included in the study. We therefore need your help in identifying and referring suitable cats.

Please consider referral if you see:

- ▶ An elderly 'healthy' cat with a compatible history
- ▶ Evidence of microalbuminuria (Heska®, E.R.D. Health Screen, Feline urine test) of non-infectious origin, which may indicate CKD
- ▶ A stable azotaemic cat with CKD

Each cat enrolled will be monitored regularly for 6 months at the AHT, with no costs to the client (other than other drugs or food if needed/ chosen to help manage the CKD).



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We are seeking cats with:

- ✓ Suspected CKD (based on initial clinical assessment)
- ✓ Stable CKD (based on initial blood and urine results with creatinine > 140µL and USG < 1.035)

Cases not suitable include:

- ✗ Cats with known hyperthyroidism
- ✗ Cats already receiving ACE inhibitors
- ✗ Cats in heart failure and/or receiving diuretics
- ✗ Cats < 2kg or < 6mo

Cats referred for this study will receive:

- ▶ Free investigation, blood tests and assessments
- ▶ Free regular follow-up (for the 6 months of the study)

If you think you have a case that may be suitable for this trial, please contact our small animal clinic for referral or for further details:



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