











## Cost

Treatment for a pyometra is expensive. Consider insuring your dog as soon as you get them, before any signs of illness start. This will ensure you have all the support you need to care for them.

It's also very important to speak openly to your vet about your finances, the cost of treatment, as well as what you think is right for your dog. There are often several treatment options so if one doesn't work for you and your pet then the vet may be able to offer another.

## FAQ

### **How long can my dog live with a pyometra?**

If your dog has a pyometra, they need immediate treatment, leaving a pyometra without treatment is likely to cause severe illness, suffering and death.

### **What can I expect after pyometra surgery?**

Removing an infected womb is major surgery; your dog will need careful monitoring and lots of support. Once your dog is ready to go home, your vet will advise you how to look after them. You will need to make sure they get plenty of rest, stay calm (no jumping/running/playing), that they eat, drink and receive any prescribed medicines. It's likely that your dog will need to wear a buster collar or protective suit to stop them licking at their wound.

### **Can antibiotics treat a pyometra?**

Treating a pyometra with medicines alone (antibiotics, hormones and anti-inflammatories) is not recommended. Removing the infected womb is the most effective treatment. Using medicines alone is very risky and can lead to severe illness, prolonged suffering, and death.

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