

First aid for a cat that can't pee

Overview

- Being unable to pee is a life threatening condition.
- If your cat is unable to pass urine, this could indicate a blocked bladder.
- Call your vet for advice ASAP if your cat is having trouble peeing.

What to do if your cat can't pee



Step one: **Check your cat**

- Being unable to pee is a life threatening condition.
- Check for symptoms such as straining, crying, vomiting, a painful belly, blood in their urine and licking a lot around their belly and genitals.
- If your cat is unable to pass urine, they may be suffering from a blocked bladder which is an emergency that can cause death.
- If your cat is passing small amounts of urine, they may be suffering from a urine infection or a condition called Feline Idiopathic Cystitis - both which can lead to a blocked bladder if left untreated.

Step two: **Check your cat's urine**

- Check your cat's litter tray to see if they have passed anything at all.
- Also check around the house, especially cold/hard floors, the bath, sink behind furniture and on beds - many cats change where they pee if they are in pain.
- Check for blood in their pee.

Step three: **Call your vet**

- **Never attempt to treat your cat at home, call your vets ASAP if your cat is unable to pee.**
- Call your vet for advice if your cat has any other urine problems.

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