



# Pet Care NOTES



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## **CATS WITH DIABETES**

Diabetes mellitus is a common disorder in cats caused by the inability of the hormone insulin to properly balance blood sugar (glucose) levels. The common signs of diabetes are increased thirst and urination, along with increased appetite, weight loss, and lethargy. However, these signs can be masked in cats that have other illnesses. A veterinarian can determine if a cat is diabetic by checking blood, urine, and clinical signs. Insulin injections are still the most accepted means of treating insulin-dependent diabetic cats. Initially, a diabetic cat is hospitalized and regulated for three to four days. During that time, multiple blood sugar tests are given to establish a proper schedule for the cat. Diabetes is a manageable condition in cats.

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