



What to Expect at Your Pet's UTI Appointment

UTIs can make pets uncomfortable and humans worried—but don't panic.



Squeaky says: *"Deep breaths. We've got this."*



Before Your Appointment

If possible, **don't let your pet urinate right before coming in.** A urine sample helps us figure out what's going on.

Make a quick mental note (or phone note!) if you've seen:

- o Frequent potty trips
- o Straining or awkward bathroom faces
- o Blood in the urine
- o Accidents indoors
- o Excessive licking

Bring a list of any **medications or supplements** your pet is taking.

Squeaky says: *"Your 'I think this started on Tuesday?' estimate is totally acceptable."*



During the Appointment

1. History & Physical Exam

We'll chat about symptoms and give your pet a gentle exam to check bladder comfort and overall health.

2. Urine Testing

Most UTI visits include a urine sample, which may be collected by:

- A free-catch sample (gold star if it happens!)
- A sterile bladder sample (quick, clean, and very helpful)

3. Additional Testing (If Needed)

Depending on what we find, we may recommend:

- A urinalysis
- A urine culture (to find the exact bacteria)
- Bloodwork or imaging in some cases



Squeaky says: *"We'll explain everything—no surprise pop quizzes."*



Treatment

Treatment may include:

- Antibiotics
- Pain or anti-inflammatory meds if needed
- Diet or lifestyle tips to prevent repeat infections

You'll leave with clear instructions—and yes, we'll answer the *'What if I miss a dose?'* question.

Squeaky says: *"Good news: UTIs are usually very treatable."*



After the Visit

- Most pets feel better within a few days.
- Please give **all medication as prescribed**, even if symptoms disappear.
- Some pets may need a follow-up urine test to confirm the infection is completely gone.



Squeaky says: *"Finish the meds even if your pet acts like they're cured forever."*



When to Call Us

Contact us if you notice:

- Worsening symptoms
- Continued blood in the urine
- Vomiting, lethargy, or loss of appetite
- Trouble urinating or no urine at all

Squeaky says: *"If something feels off, call. Don't overthink it."*



We're Here for You

UTIs are common, manageable, and nothing to be embarrassed about. Our team is here to make your pet comfortable, answer questions, and keep things as stress-free as possible for everyone involved.

Squeaky & Your Veterinary Team—Making Uncomfortable Topics Slightly Less Awkward