

Dog Started to Pee in the House

There is always a root cause to any change in our dog's normal routine.

The first thing you should always do when you have any issue associated to urine is a UA, urine analysis. No exam by a doctor, bloodwork, etc can tell you what a urine test can.

We get turned over to us because they cannot get them potty trained, have submission urination, cannot hold it any longer, pees inside after just being outside and/or leaking.

The first thing we do is a UA and in more than 50% of the cases we have a UTI, urinary tract infection, and/or crystals in the urine. This can happen with either gender.

Both are treatable and nothing a dog can control without our help and diagnosis. So many people get frustrated with the dog and blame them, yet til a UA is done to confirm 100% behavior our response to their behavior is unwarranted.

If diagnosed with a **UTI** it takes 10 days of clavamox to clear it. Repeat the UA when medication is done to ensure the UTI is no longer. **THIS IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE UA REPEATED.** If the UTI does not get cleared up or comes back it is recommend to have the urine cultured as it may have a bacteria that only certain antibiotics treat.

If diagnosed with **crystals** in the urine it is critical that the dog's diet be changed immediately as that is the root cause of the formation of crystals. Medication or current diet is not the cure. The number one recommended diet is Royal Canine SO dry (does require a prescription from your vet). This particular diet manages of all types of crystals that can be produced in the body. Prescription Hills on the other hand is crystal specific. So unless you know what type of crystal your dog is producing I do not recommend it. Plus the body can form one type of crystal and later another type.

If **urine comes back clean** it is possible that with age your dog needs more frequent potty breaks or his/her bladder has weakened. A drug you can get from your vet for weak bladders is Proin. It does take three weeks to determine if it will work for your dog and if it does it would be life time.