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Chronic Kidney Disease and TCVM

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Chronic kidney disease, also known as kidney failure, is sadly very common in cats. This disease occurs when the kidneys are no longer able to function appropriately to remove toxins from the body by excreting them in urine. Symptoms can include weight loss, vomiting, an increase in water consumption and an increase in urination volume. Kidney disease is diagnosed with routine bloodwork, a urinalysis and occasionally an abdominal ultrasound. Unfortunately, a cure is not possible with this condition but there are therapies that can be done to prolong a cat’s good quality of life. Some of these conventional therapies include a special kidney diet designed to limit protein and phosphorus intake, phosphorus binders, potassium supplements, and sometimes fluids given at home underneath the skin.



In addition to these conventional therapies, cats can benefit greatly from Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine to help manage their kidney disease. Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine includes acupuncture and herbal medicine to help balance the body and allow it to return to health.

“Dash” is a 11 year old spayed female Manx cat who presented to a specialist hospital for kidney failure when she was only 8 years old. She was treated with IV fluids and various medications over several days and showed a great improvement in her symptoms and bloodwork. She was discharged from the hospital and continued on the conventional therapies at home. Despite her owner doing everything possible to

help her, the kidney values remained elevated and began to rise again signaling a worsening of her kidney function. Even when all available western therapies had been exhausted her owner was not ready to give up the fight. At this time she was referred for TCVM treatment. She received 9 acupuncture treatments over a 6 month period and took two different herbal medications daily. Bloodwork performed monthly showed a dramatic improvement in her kidney values. “Dash” has remained “in-remission” for her kidney disease and is still thriving 3 years later. She continues to receive TCVM therapies to help maintain her health. The table shows the bloodwork values from before and during treatment. TCVM treatment began on 5/25/18.

Date	BUN / Urea (normal 14-36)	Creatinine (normal 0.6-2.4)
4/28/18	>180	13.5
4/30/18	101	5.5
5/1/18	55	3.9
5/7/18	55	4.7
5/21/18	55	5.5
6/4/18	53	5.7
7/2/18	52	3.6
8/13/18	36	1.8
9/4/18	27	1.8
11/5/18	30	1.5

Ways to Celebrate National Walk the Dog Day 2021



Get the dog leash ready because it's about to be your dog's favorite national holiday! This fun national holiday helps promote exercise for both dogs and their parents, helps establish and build strong bonds through quality time spent together on walks, and provides a new environment for your dog to explore.

NATIONAL WALK THE DOG DAY HISTORY 101

The exact date and who established National Walk the Dog Day is currently unknown. It is thought, but not confirmed, to have started somewhere around 1960 when Jim Buck became the first professional dog walker in New York City. During the 1960s, the female role in society began to change and now more than ever, women began entering the workforce. Because of this, the family dog was left home alone for long hours and daily walks became less frequent. As a result, families started hiring people to come and take their dogs for walks during the day while they were at work. Since then, professional dog walkers have gained popularity and is now a full-time job for some!

WHY YOU SHOULD CELEBRATE NATIONAL WALK THE DOG DAY

National Walk the Dog Day combines two things that dogs love: exercise and the great outdoors. Taking your dog on a daily walk - or even a weekly walk - is a great way to get your dog (and you) some exercise. For older dogs, a daily walk can be the difference between an active senior or a lazy senior dog. Taking your dog on a walk helps keep their leg muscles strong and their joints running smoothly like they should. For younger dogs, a daily walk is a fabulous way to help your pup relieve pent up energy and expose them to new surroundings.

No matter if you're walking your pup around the block in your neighborhood or taking them to the community park, just being outdoors and in a new environment with new sights and smells is fun for any dog! Dogs love being outdoors and all that it has to offer, so grab the leash and use National Walk the Dog Day 2021 to start a new daily walking routine with your loyal furry family member.

All in all, there are plenty of fun ways and great reasons why you should celebrate National Walk the Dog Day this year. Besides the fact that your dog will love the time spent with you, taking your dog on a walk promotes a healthy lifestyle and a strong bond between you and your dog. So, what are you waiting for?! Grab the leash and get to walking!

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