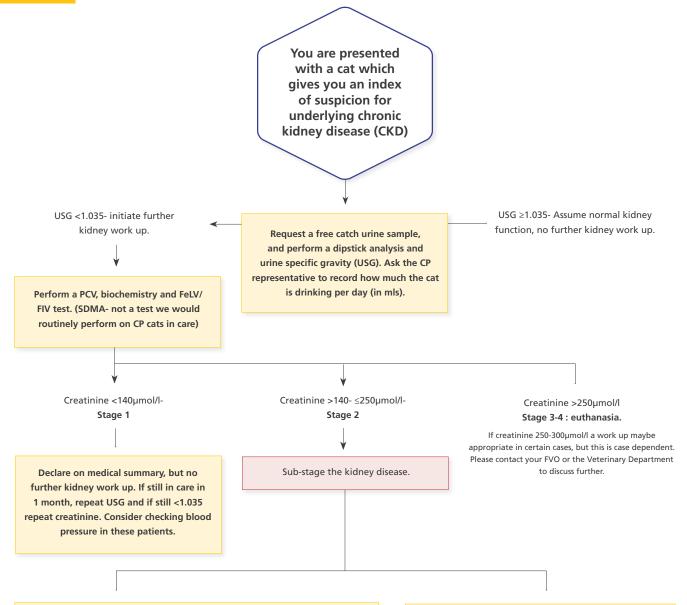


Cats Protection chronic kidney disease guidance



Blood Pressure:

≥160mmHg- high risk of target organ damage.

Advise treatment if appropriate. Check-ups q2-4wks initially until stable, then q2 months. Declare on medical summary the presence of hypertension.

<160mmHg- low to moderate risk of target organ damage.

No treatment, but advise regular 2 monthly checks, and declare on medical summary the current level of hypertension.

Please note

- If the cat is confirmed FIV positive, and has underlying CKD, we would advise contacting the FVO/Veterinary Department for guidance.
- If the cat is found to have CKD with concurrent marked anaemia, we would also advise euthanasia.
- If the cat has stage 2 kidney disease and significant co-morbidities, please contact your FVO or the Veterinary Department to discuss this further.
- We would recommend that cats diagnosed with CKD are placed on a prescription diet for CKD, and have repeat USG +/- bloods q2months (whilst still in CP care). If marked deterioration is present then euthanasia needs to be considered on welfare grounds

Assess for proteinuria: Obtain a cystocentesis sample from the cat.

- If there is less than 1+ protein evident on dipstick evaluation, then don't assess for a UPCR.
- If there was protein evident on the dipstick, run an inhouse sediment examination (if possible). If the sediment appears abnormal/active then evaluate for the possibility of other causes of proteinuria, eg: lower urinary tract disease. If bacteria are seen (especially intracellular), initiate broad spectrum treatment and check the infection has resolved at the end of the treatment. If the infection is not resolving, consider a C&S. Once resolved, repeat dipstick evaluation and if still positive for protein, perform a UPCR.
- If in-house sediment examination is not possible and there is an index of suspicion for proteinuria, perform a UPCR:
- <0.2 non- proteinuric-declare on medical summary but no treatment.
- >0.4 proteinuric- discuss euthanasia.
- 0.2-0.4 border line proteinuric-re-test in 2weeks, if still borderline consider euthanasia.