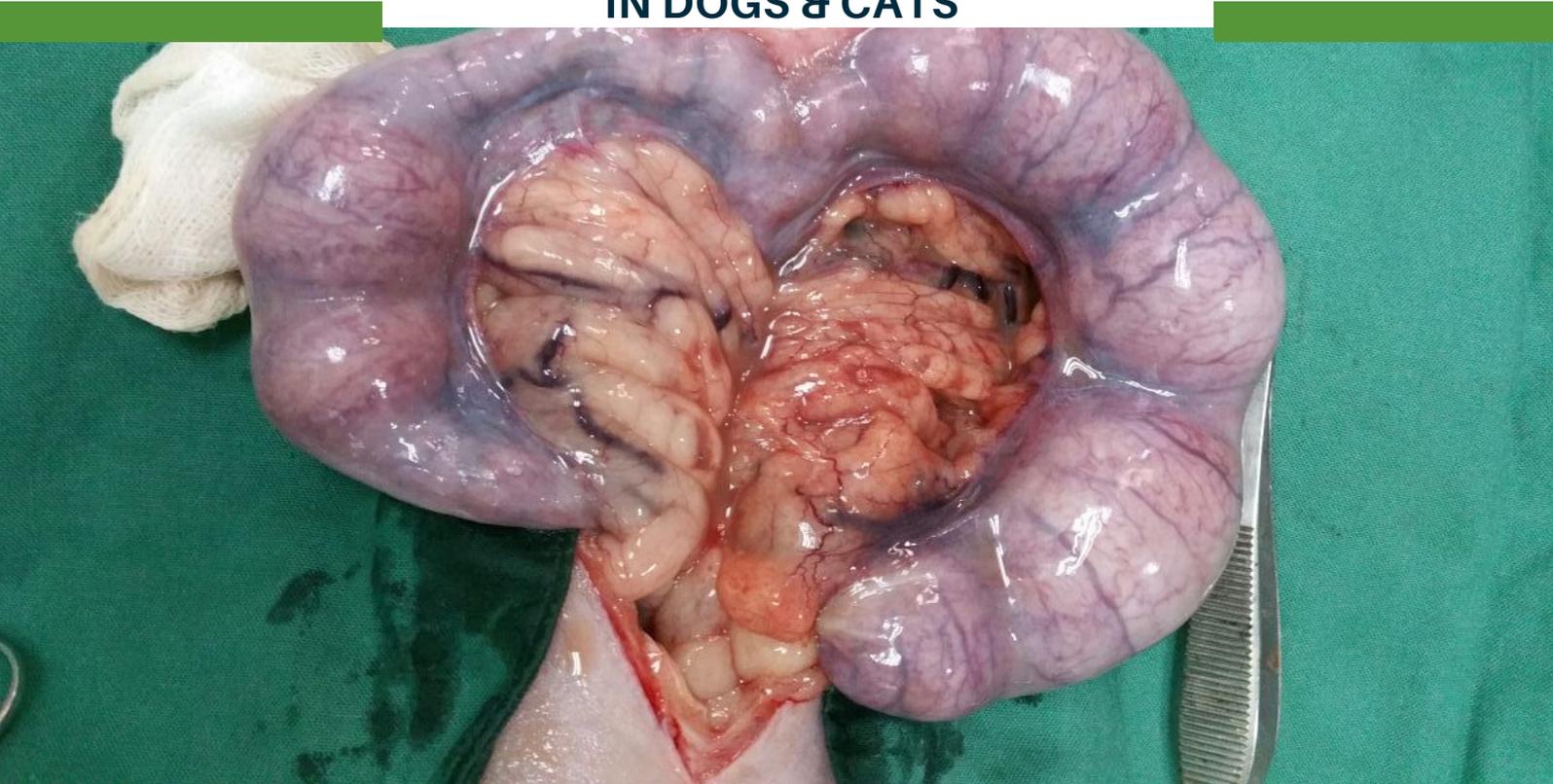




# »»» PYOMETRA «««

## IN DOGS & CATS



**PYOMETRA IS A SERIOUS AND LIFE-THREATENING INFECTION IN THE UTERUS. THE CONDITION MUST BE TREATED QUICKLY AND AGGRESSIVELY.**

**SURGERY IS ALMOST ALWAYS NECESSARY TO CURE THE DISEASE**

**the infected uterus must be removed**

## SYMPTOMS TO LOOK FOR

*Symptoms of Pyometra vary depending on whether the cervix is open or closed.*

**Open cervix:** Pus drains from the uterus through the vagina, often seen as yellow, brown, or red discharge. It might be found under the tail, on bedding, or furniture. Other signs include fever, increased thirst, lethargy, loss of appetite, and depression.

**Closed cervix:** Pus cannot drain out and collects in the uterus, causing swelling. Abdominal swelling may be visible. Dogs can become very sick quickly, showing signs like refusal to eat, extreme tiredness, and depression. Vomiting, diarrhea, increased urination, and thirst can also occur due to toxins affecting the kidneys.



## WHAT IS PYOMETRA?

Pyometra means '**pus in the uterus.**' It's a serious infection that can quickly lead to dehydration, kidney failure, and **death**. It happens in unspayed female dogs or cats, especially older ones who haven't had puppies. Animals treated with reproductive hormones, like estrogen, are also at higher risk.

When female dogs or cats are in heat, their uterus can become a **hub for bacteria**. Pyometra often happens shortly after a heat cycle. Signs include **fever, loss of appetite, weight loss, more drinking and peeing, and sometimes pus from the vulva**. If your vet thinks your pet has pyometra, they may use:

**blood tests, urine tests, and x-rays to check.**

## TREATMENT:

**Surgical Treatment:** The best way to treat pyometra is to remove the uterus and ovaries surgically. This is called an ovario-hysterectomy, or "spay". However the surgery is considerably more complicated than a spay. Although the dog may be very ill, this surgery is the safest and works best. It's important to carefully remove the infected uterus without spreading pus. Antibiotics are prescribed for 10-14 days.