

Water and Preventive Care for Urinary Problems

		CAT WATER BY/PAR VET WATER	Drinking Water from Cities	Filtered Water from Home (Brita or refrigerator filters)	Spring Water (sold in big-box stores)	Demineralized, Treated Water (sold in big-box stores)
	Increase water consumption in cats A key element in the pre- vention of urinary problems	Chlorine-free, ozonated, natural spring water with a low acidity rate which encourages cats to drink more Cats are taste sensitive when it comes to water	Chlorinated water with traces of prescription drugs, mercury, lead, and pesticides	Chlorinated water with reduced traces of prescription drugs, mercury, and lead. Filters do not have any impact on the pesticides present in the water	Chlorine-free water with a level of alkalinity that is too high for cats	Water drawn from municipal aqueduct systems
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2	Maintain a urinary pH specific to cat needs Ideal pH: 6.2-6.4	Perfectly balanced pH between 6.2 and 6.4 to promote a normal rate of acidity in urine and maintain a healthy urinary tract in cats	pH between 7.2 and 7.8 Water is too alkaline for cats	Average pH of 7.1 Water is too alkaline for cats	pH between 7.2 and 7.8 Water is too alkaline for cats	pH between 5.3 and 5.8 Water is too acidic for cats
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3	Minimise the occurrence of the minerals respon- sible for causing crystals and stones	Free of the minerals responsible for causing urinary problems	Contains a variety of minerals, including those responsible for causing urinary problems	Contains a variety of minerals, including those responsible for causing urinary problems	Contains a variety of minerals, including those responsible for causing urinary problems	Water is exposed to bacterial contamination through the reverse osmosis process used in demineralisation. Some minerals remain in the water even after this process
	in the bladder		•	8	8	V