



Adult Abyssinian Cat

Abyssinian cats are extroverted, intelligent and extremely active. You should also know they can be predisposed to the following ailments. Examinations twice a year and routine diagnostics to catch problems early, when they are easiest to treat, are recommended for the life of your cat.

Dilated Cardiomyopathy

Description

This is a condition that involves an enlargement or dilation of the heart as a result of thinning of the muscle of the heart. There appears to be some genetic factors that may influence susceptibility to the disease. Males appear to be predisposed to the condition.

Early Detection

Recommended: Thoracic radiographs (chest X-rays), and echocardiography (an ultrasound test of the heart). It is particularly important to run these tests prior to anesthesia.

Why Needed

Dilated cardiomyopathy can result in significant cardiovascular disease including heart failure and death.

Congenital Hypothyroidism

Description

Hypothyroidism (low levels of circulating thyroid hormone) is extremely rare in cats. However, there is one report of a family of Abyssinian cats that developed the disease due to a genetic defect. Hypothyroidism has been associated with dwarfism in Abyssinian cats.

Early Detection

Thyroid testing early in life is recommended if your Banfield veterinarian notices certain associated clinical signs.

Why Needed

Hypothyroidism can cause:

- Stunted growth, delayed growth
- Mental dullness
- Often severe constipation and/or obstipation is also noted

Amyloidosis

Description

Amyloidosis results from the deposition of abnormal proteins in different organs of the body. Abyssinian cats have a genetic predisposition for systemic amyloidosis. This disease may affect multiple body systems including the kidney, liver and gastrointestinal tract.

Early Detection

Recommended: Regular blood chemistry testing and urinalysis. If the urinalysis indicates abnormal protein, another test, the protein: creatinine ratio should be run.

Why Needed

Amyloidosis can contribute to:

- Kidney disease or failure
- Chronic diarrhea and weight loss
- Liver dysfunction

Progressive Retinal Atrophy/ Rod-Cone Retinal Dysplasia

Description

Progressive retinal atrophy is a degeneration of the cells that make up the retina. This condition can begin as early as 8-12 weeks (retinal dysplasia) or can begin at age 1.5 years (retinal degeneration) and lead to blindness.

Early Detection

Recommended: Regular ophthalmic (eye) examination (including fundic examinations of the interior of the eye).

Why Needed

Progressive retinal atrophy/ rod-cone dysplasia can lead to:

- Blindness
- Progressive vision loss

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