

Calici Ward Treatment - Tech/Care Team Self Start

If ulcers are identified, a vet or manager needs to confirm

Standard Treatment Process

If a cat is found to have calici and a vet is unavailable the following treatment should be started:

1. Azithromycin - 10 mg/kg PO SID x 5 days then q 3 days for 3 doses
2. Sucralfate - 1 gram tablets IN WATER SLURRY (tablet crushed in water and syringed into mouth)
 - a. If over 5 pounds or over ½T PO BID x 7 days
 - b. If under 5 pounds ¼T PO BID x 7 days

If ocular discharge is seen,

- Gentamycin drops - 1 drop BID-TID x 5 days
- If no improvement or worsening towards end of course discuss with vet.

If not eating:

- 24hrs - Mirtazipine - 3.75mg PO q once, and offer buffet or wet, stinky warmed foods
- 36hrs - Put in CVT check to notify clinic - tech will discuss pain meds/exam with vet. Start force feeding (see APA feeding chart)
- 48hrs - fluid support (discontinue once eating)
 - 10ml LRS per per pound SQ BID
 - If congested - nebulize BID-TID

PUT IN CVT CHECK at any point if the following abnormalities noted:

- Swelling around face
- Sloughing of nose
- Noteable skin lesions
- Excessive drooling
- Limping
- High body temperature (greater than 103)
- Bloody nasal discharge
- Concerning findings that do not fit the "standard calici lesions".
 - Standard lesions:
 - Congestion
 - Small ulcer in middle of nose
 - Cloudy nasal discharge (green, yellow)
 - Small ulcers on tongue

3. Recheck every 2-3 days with vet – do not let medications run out unless directed
4. Check mouth every 1-2 days and monitor the ulcers. Once clinical signs (including ulcers) have resolved/completely healed monitor cat for recurrence.
5. No clinical signs for one week cat can move out of ISO, ideally into a "no mix" area
6. FeLv Pos cats/kittens receive a bath when exiting the ward

For kittens 4 months or younger

- If not eating MUST force feed caloric requirements. See APA feeding chart.
- Fluid support plus Pen G SID x 3 days (can discontinue if starts eating and switch to oral meds)
- If congested nebulize BID-TID

NOTE: Shelterluv must reflect that this cat has calici & who diagnosed it - notify calici techs before moving cat in (including identifying cat) - if cat still needs intake, must be completed in calici

Force Feeding Cats - Guidelines

It is very important that cats eat regularly! If a cat doesn't eat for 24 hours, we need to start force feeding. To do this, you'll need to get human baby food from the grocery store or blend cat food into gruel. You'll want to get a meat based kind (like chicken or turkey), and make sure it doesn't have garlic in the ingredient list. Check the calories when you get it - you want to try to find 100 calories per 2.5oz container or something equivalent. It doesn't have to be exactly that, but the more calories the better.

While feeding, keep a big, absorbent towel handy, they often spit it out and drool a lot while you do this. Wrapping the towel around them like a bib sometimes helps with the mess. We recommend feeding them small amounts more often, rather than large amounts of food only a couple of times a day. Kitties get sick of it/angry very quickly and will fight it sometimes, so if you can give smaller amounts more frequently they usually tolerate it better.

Continue to offer stinky wet cat food, tuna fish, etc. every day while you are force feeding. At least once a day try warming the wet food up, putting it on their lips/in their mouth, putting it next to their face, etc to try and coax them to start eating again. It usually takes anywhere from 2-14 days for a cat that stops eating to start wanting to eat again, so just keep offering food until they get interested in it again!

Supplies needed

- Human baby food or other blended gruel
- Large syringe (10cc syringes work well for kittens or small cats, 60cc syringes work well for big cats)
- Plenty of spare towels
- Stinky wet cat food, tuna fish, cat treats, etc. (Recovery or AD prescription food is best but not necessary)

Force Feeding Instructions

Draw the baby food up in a syringe and put it in the corner of the cat's mouth and squirt a little in. Let him swallow. Repeat.

They need to eat 20cc per 1 pound of bodyweight each day. This is based on the 100 calorie per 2.5oz baby food - if your food is much lower in calories increase the volume of food accordingly.

Please use the chart below to figure out how much to feed per the number of times a day:

Weight	Total cc/day	2X/day	3X/day	4X/day	5X/day
2lbs	<i>40cc</i>	20cc	13cc	10cc	8cc
3lbs	<i>60cc</i>	30cc	20cc	15cc	12cc
4lbs	<i>80cc</i>	40cc	27cc	20cc	16cc
5lbs	<i>100cc</i>	50cc	34cc	25cc	20cc
6lbs	<i>120cc</i>	60cc	41cc	30cc	24cc
7lbs	<i>140cc</i>	70cc	48cc	35cc	28cc
8lbs	<i>160cc</i>	80cc	55cc	40cc	32cc
9lbs	<i>180cc</i>	90cc	62cc	45cc	36cc
10lbs	<i>200cc</i>	100cc	69cc	50cc	40cc