

# Download Female Cats Urethra Anatomy

The male cat has an extremely small tube (urethra) leading from the bladder through the penis. In most cases the inflammation of the bladder causes the formation of a crystalline substance in the urine, which will clog the urethra of male cats and make urination impossible. A female cat's urethra is much shorter than her male counterpart and located closer to her anus. That means it's near a region chock full of bacteria from feces. While her anatomy makes her more prone to FLUTD, the male cat's urethra is much narrower, so it's easier for a complete blockage to occur. Urogenital System of the Cat The pictures in this section are reprinted with permission by the copyright owner, Hill's Pet Nutrition, from the Atlas of Veterinary Clinical Anatomy. These illustrations should not be downloaded, printed or copied except for personal, non-commercial use. Urethral obstruction in female cats is rare. When the urethra is blocked, the urinary bladder distends markedly and rapidly. The pressure inside the urinary bladder rises precipitously.