



Common Signs and Symptoms of a Sick Cat

General:

Bad breath

Change in appetite or water intake/output

Change in behavior or routine

Growling/hissing/inappropriate meowing or vocalization

Hiding

Limping

Sleeping more than normal, acting mopey or lethargic

Unable to sit or lie down comfortably. (Painful)

Weight loss

Digestive System:

Diarrhea

Vomiting

Hair coat/Skin:

Matted or oily hair coat/hair loss

Scratching/licking/biting at fur, skin, feet, ears

Visible wounds or lesions

Respiratory:

Breathing fast or shallow. Breathing with mouth open.

Congestion

Coughing

Loss of or change in meow

Runny nose

Runny or glassy looking eyes

Sneezing

Squinting eyes or visible 3rd eyelids

Urinary:

Going to the litter box frequently

Straining/trying to urinate with no or little success

Urinating in places other than the litter box (look for blood)

Very small or very large amounts of urine in the box