What is lymphoma? Lymphoma is a cancer of lymphocytes, a type of white blood cell, and is one of the most common cancers in cats.

What factors are associated with lymphoma diagnosis?

**CONCLUSIONS:**
- Owners of older and male cats should be alert to the possibility of lymphoma.
- Increased diagnosis in insured cats suggests strong welfare gains for insured cats.

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**HEALTH STUDY RESULTS**

Number of cats in study: 562,446

Average age at first diagnosis: 11.0 years

Percentage of cats with laboratory-confirmed lymphoma: 0.05%

Previous research has shown that cats with abdominal lymphoma (most commonly affecting the gastrointestinal tract) will often show weight loss, inappetence, vomiting and diarrhoea (1).

*Reference category

Breed and environmental exposures studied were not found to influence the risk of lymphoma diagnosis.

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