

What disorders most commonly affect our cats?

The Study

The Aim – To identify the most common conditions affecting cats in England.

The Data – Random sample of 3,584 cats taken from 142,576 cats attending 91 vet practices in England.

The Method – Each cat's full clinical record was reviewed to identify all disorders diagnosed.



The most common general problems in cats:

Dental 15.1%

Trauma 12.9%

Skin Problems 10.4%

Digestive Problems 10.0%

Parasitic Infestation 9.8%

13.9%



Dental Disease

8.0%



Flea Infestation

6.7%

Obesity

5.0%



Heart Murmur

4.6%



Injury

Most common specific disorders in cats:

32% of the cats in our study had no health problems recorded



Purebred cats have a higher likelihood of:

- Coat disorders



Crossbred cats have a higher likelihood of:

- Abscesses
- Hyperthyroidism

Conclusion

Cats are generally healthy creatures. We can help to maintain this health with good dental care, proper nutrition and parasite control. Early veterinary intervention safeguards the health of our cats.

Preventive Health Advice

- Annual veterinary health checks help to identify and manage health conditions earlier.
- Brush your cat's teeth regularly and ask your vet for advice if worried.
- Encouraging active play helps maintain physical fitness and a healthy weight, particularly for indoor cats.
- Ensure your cat is microchipped for identification purposes, especially if allowed outdoors.