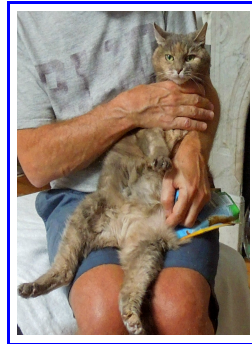


# Conditions in Cats Most Commonly Treated with Acupuncture and/or Herbal Medicine



**Integrative Therapy** combines the most appropriate treatments from conventional veterinary medicine and surgery with acupuncture and herbal medicine, which are derived from much older, holistic medical disciplines. Selecting the best therapies from several different major medical systems can optimize treatment, **significantly improve quality of life, and extend lifespan by months to years.** The most frequently treated conditions include:

- 🌀 **CHRONIC RENAL FAILURE** **treatment can reverse azotemia in majority of patients,** returning cats from IRIS stage 2 & 3 back to stage 1, and stage 4 cats back to 3 or 2. Expect improvements in BUN and Cr after 2-5 weeks
- 🌀 **INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE,** and other GI presentations, e.g. intermittent vomiting or diarrhea; decreased appetite, especially in AM; anorexia
- 🌀 **RECURRING CONSTIPATION, MEGACOLON**
- 🌀 **CHRONIC ARTHRITIS PAIN, or JOINT/MUSCLE PAIN** from injury;  
Stiffness or lameness;  
Decreased jumping or hesitating before “routine” jumps;  
Back pain—loss of flexibility/decreased grooming
- 🌀 **URINARY PROBLEMS--STERILE CYSTITIS, “FIC” or “FLUTD”**  
Hematuria, dysuria; post-block recovery
- 🌀 **HEPATIC DISEASE--HEPATIC LIPIDOSIS;** Cholangitis/hepatitis; “Triaditis;”  
Chronic liver enzyme elevations
- 🌀 **HYPERTHYROIDISM**—herbal meds can often be used to **decrease methimazole requirement to more “tolerable” levels,** and alleviate side effects