

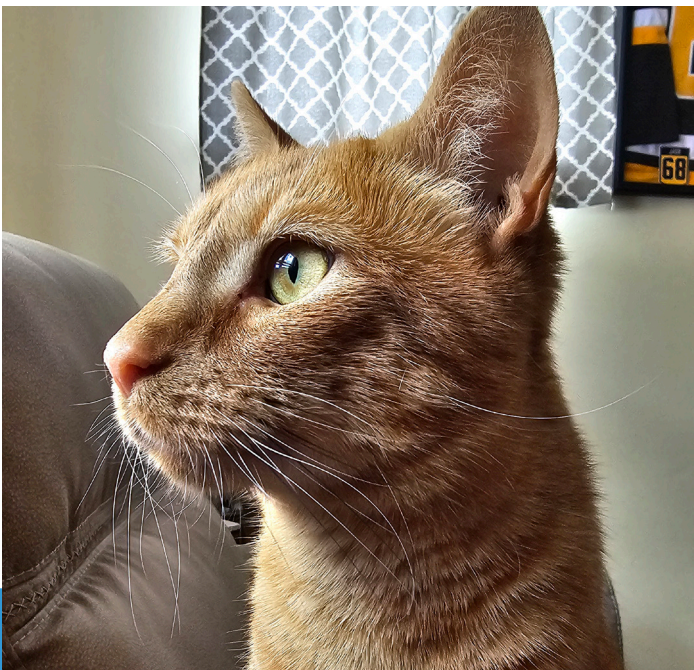
# Case Study: How Low-Dose Radiation Therapy Can Help Cats Overcome Feline Idiopathic Cystitis (FIC)

The following case study documents one of PetCure Oncology's first patients to be treated for Feline Idiopathic Cystitis, named Reggie. Pet parents are taken through Reggie's journey to better health and quality of life.

## Meet Reggie.

### Reggie has Feline Idiopathic Cystitis

As a pet parent, it can be heartbreaking to see your furry companion struggle with ongoing health issues. Reggie's story is one that many pet parents can relate to, but it also brings a message of hope for those with cats suffering from bladder issues, specifically Feline Idiopathic Cystitis (FIC).



Reggie is a beautiful orange tabby, adopted by his mom, Christine, when he was just a tiny kitten. Christine had lost one of her other cats and was searching for a new furry friend. As a veterinary technician, she was well-equipped to care for Reggie, but when he started showing signs of cystitis (inflammation of the bladder) at just 10 months old, it became clear that this would be a long and difficult journey. According to Reggie's mom, Christine:

*"At the age of ten months is when Reggie first showed signs of cystitis. He was placed on a special diet and medications to manage his symptoms, but nothing seemed to work."*

Over time, Reggie's bladder condition worsened, and despite multiple medications and dietary changes, his symptoms persisted. His stress and anxiety around using the litter box continued to increase, and he started avoiding it altogether.

## Searching For Answers

Like many pet parents, Christine faced several challenges in finding the right treatment for Reggie. After months of trying different medications without success, a colleague suggested something new: Low-Dose Radiation Therapy (LDRT).

*“After failed attempts of prazosin, gabapentin, and prednisone in four months time, it was suggested to me by one of my great veterinary acquaintances that Reggie would be a good candidate for radiation therapy...”*

Christine explains. "At first, I was perplexed... I hadn't heard of that being an option for FIC before, but I'm so glad we tried it."

## What is Low-Dose Radiation Therapy (LDRT)?

Low-Dose Radiation Therapy is a newer, non-invasive treatment option that targets inflammation and reduces the painful symptoms of conditions like FIC. It's a gentler therapy that usually only requires a single session, making it less stressful for cats and their families.

*Reggie was among the first cats to receive this treatment for FIC, and the results were remarkable.*

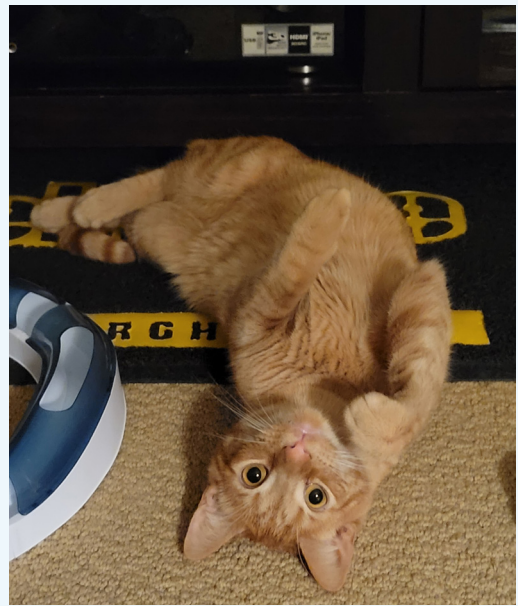
## Reggie's Recovery

After undergoing LDRT, Reggie showed significant improvement in his symptoms. Christine remembers how simple the treatment process was: "Other than hating car rides, Reggie was absolutely fine after the treatment. He slept a little more that day due to the sedation, but it was like nothing happened. I know he's much happier now that he doesn't have to go with me to the vet so often, and his life isn't spent straining in the litterbox."

For Christine, the results were not only a relief but also a source of pride. "I honestly had no concerns with Reggie and his treatment. When the doctor told me Reggie would be the first one, I was really proud that my son would be the guinea pig, so to speak."

## The Results

Today, Reggie is a happy, healthy cat who no longer suffers from painful bladder symptoms. "If Reggie ever needs this treatment again, I'd do it in a heartbeat," Christine says. "It saved him from the grief and trouble of those four difficult months. I would always choose a non-surgical option like this if it meant sparing my cat unnecessary pain."



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## A Message To Pet Parents

Christine's experience both as a vet tech and with her cat Reggie, has left her passionate about educating other pet parents on FIC and the treatment options available. "I think as veterinary professionals, we really need to educate pet parents with male cats about FIC and the signs to watch out for. There's now a safe and effective alternative to surgery like Perineal Urethrostomy, and I'm sure Reggie would agree—non-surgical options are the way to go."

## Could Low-Dose Radiation Therapy Help Your Cat?

If your cat is suffering from recurring bladder issues, FIC or FLUTD, Low-Dose Radiation Therapy may offer a long-term solution. This innovative treatment has helped cats like Reggie regain their quality of life without invasive surgery. Talk to your veterinarian today to find out if LDRT could be the right choice for your feline family member.

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