

Understanding Cats With Cerebellar Hypoplasia

1 WHAT IS CEREBELLAR HYPOPLASIA?

Cerebellar hypoplasia (CH) is a non-progressive neurological condition that affects balance, fine motor skills, and coordination. CH is also known as wobbly cat syndrome, and its symptoms can vary from mild to severe.

2 WHAT CAUSES CEREBELLAR HYPOPLASIA?

Cerebellar hypoplasia occurs in utero, often when a pregnant cat is exposed to a virus, such as feline panleukopenia. This exposure can affect her unborn kittens' development, causing them to be born with underdeveloped cerebellums.

3 WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF CEREBELLAR HYPOPLASIA?

Symptoms of cerebellar hypoplasia usually become apparent when a kitten starts trying to walk and stand, and they can include head tremors, intention tremors, a goose-stepping gait, and an uncoordinated walk. Cats with severe cerebellar hypoplasia may be unable to walk unassisted.

4 HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CAT HAS CEREBELLAR HYPOPLASIA?

An MRI of the brain is the only way to definitively determine if a cat has cerebellar hypoplasia. While this may not be necessary, if you suspect your cat has CH, you should take them to a vet to rule out other more serious conditions, including cerebellar atrophy and brain tumors.

5 IS THERE A CURE FOR CEREBELLAR HYPOPLASIA?

Currently, there is no cure for cerebellar hypoplasia, but because it's a non-progressive, pain-free condition, symptoms do not worsen over time. In fact, as cats with CH get older, their symptoms often seem to improve.

6 WHAT IS THE PROGNOSIS FOR CATS WITH CEREBELLAR HYPOPLASIA?

Cats with CH have normal life expectancies and are not infectious, allowing them to have fairly normal lives. Depending on the severity of their symptoms, they may need some assistance with eating, walking, and toileting, but they make wonderful companions who are definitely worth the extra effort!

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