

## Calici Ward Treatment - Tech/Care Team Self Start

**\*\*If ulcers are identified, a vet or manager needs to confirm\*\***

If a cat is found to have calici and a vet is unavailable the following standard calici treatment should be started:

1. Azithromycin 10 mg/kg PO SID x 5 days then q 3 days for 3 doses
2. Sucralfate, 1 gram tablets IN WATER SLURRY (tablet crushed in water and syringed into mouth):
  - a. If over 5 pounds or over 1/2T PO BID x 7 days
  - b. If under 5 pounds 1/4T PO BID x 7 days
3. If ocular discharge is seen Gentamycin drops, 1 drop BID-TID x 5 days
  - a. If no improvement or worsening towards end of course discuss with vet.
4. If not eating:
  - a. 24hrs - mirtazipine, 3.75mg PO q once, and offer buffet or wet, stinky warmed foods.
  - b. 36hrs - Put in CVT check to notify clinic - tech will discuss pain meds/exam with vet. Start force feeding (see APA feeding chart)
  - c. 48hrs - fluid support (discontinue once eating)
    - i. 10ml LRS per per pound SQ BID
    - ii. If congested - nebulize BID-TID
5. PUT IN CVT CHECK at any point if the following abnormalities noted: swelling around face, sloughing of nose, notable skin lesions, excessive drooling, limping, high body temperature (greater than 103), bloody nasal discharge, or concerning findings that do not fit the "standard calici lesions".
  - a. Standard lesions:
    - i. Congestion
    - ii. Small ulcer in middle of nose
    - iii. Cloudy nasal discharge (green, yellow)
    - iv. Small ulcers on tongue
6. Recheck every 2-3 days with vet – do not let medications run out unless directed
7. Check mouth every 1-2 days and monitor the ulcers. Once clinical signs (including ulcers) have resolved/completely healed monitor cat for recurrence.
8. No clinical signs for one week cat can move out of ISO, ideally into a "no mix" area
9. FeLv Pos cats/kittens receive a bath when exiting the ward

### **10. For kittens 4 months or younger**

If not eating MUST force feed caloric requirements. See APA feeding chart.

- a. fluid support plus Pen G SID x 3 days (can discontinue if starts eating and switch to oral meds)
- b. If congested nebulize BID-TID

**SHELTERLUV MUST REFLECT THAT THIS CAT HAS CALICI & WHO DIAGNOSED IT - NOTIFY CALICI TECHS BEFORE MOVING CAT IN (INCLUDING IDENTIFYING CAT) - IF CAT STILL NEEDS INTAKE, MUST BE COMPLETED IN CALICI**

## Austin Pets Alive! Feline Force Feeding Guidelines

### Supplies needed:

Human baby food

Large syringe (10cc syringes work well for kittens or small cats, 60cc syringes work well for big cats)

Plenty of spare towels.

Stinky wet cat food, tuna fish, cat treats, etc.

### Force feeding instructions:

It is very important that kitties eat regularly! If a cat doesn't eat for 12-24 hours, we need to start force feeding. To do this, you'll need to get human baby food from the grocery store. You'll want to get a meat based kind (like chicken or turkey), and make sure it doesn't have garlic in the ingredient list. Check the calories when you get it - you want to try to find 100 calories per 2.5oz container or something equivalent. It doesn't have to be exactly that, but the more calories the better.

Draw the baby food up in a syringe and put it in the corner of the cat's mouth and squirt a little in. Let him swallow. Repeat. Keep a big, absorbent towel handy, they often spit it out and drool a lot while you do this. Wrapping the towel around them like a bib sometimes helps with the mess. We recommend feeding them small amounts more often, rather than large amounts of food only a couple of times a day. Kitties get sick of it/angry very quickly and will fight it sometimes, so if you can give smaller amounts more frequently they usually tolerate it better.

They need to eat 20 cc per 1 pound of body weight each day. This is based on the 100 calorie per 2.5oz baby food - if your food is much lower in calories please increase the volume of food accordingly.

Please use the chart below to figure out how much to feed depending on the number of times a day you feed:

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Total cc/day</u>	<u>2X/day</u>	<u>3X/day</u>	<u>4X/day</u>	<u>5X/day</u>
2 lbs	40cc	20cc	13cc	10cc	8cc
3lbs	60cc	30cc	20cc	15cc	12cc
4lbs	80cc	40cc	27cc	20cc	16cc
5lbs	100cc	50cc	34cc	25cc	20cc
6lbs	120cc	60cc	41cc	30cc	24cc
7lbs	140cc	70cc	48cc	35cc	28cc
8lbs	160cc	80cc	55cc	40cc	32cc
9lbs	180cc	90cc	62cc	45cc	36cc
10lbs	200cc	100cc	69cc	50cc	40cc

Continue to offer stinky wet cat food, tuna fish, etc. every day while you are force feeding. At least once a day try warming the wet food up, putting it on their lips/in their mouth, putting it next to their face, etc to try and coax them to start eating again. It usually takes anywhere from 2-14 days for a cat that stops eating to start wanting to eat again, so just keep offering food until they get interested in it again!

