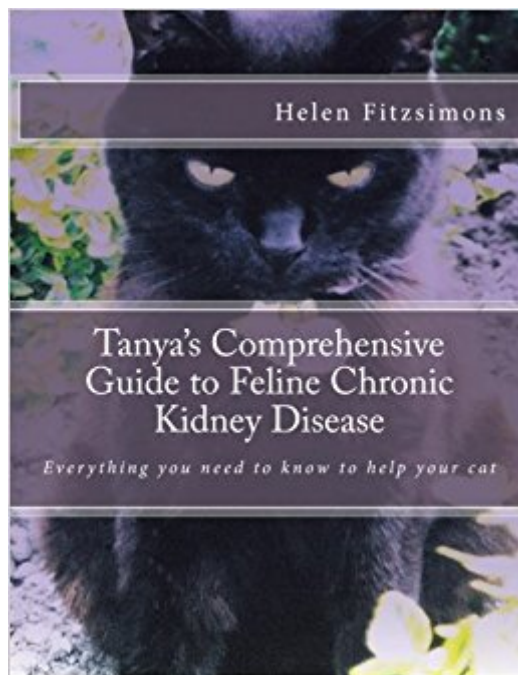




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# **Tanya's Comprehensive Guide To Feline Chronic Kidney Disease: Everything You Need To Know To Help Your Cat**



## Synopsis

Written by a catlover for catlovers, Tanya's Comprehensive Guide to Feline Chronic Kidney Disease provides a complete guide to caring for your cat at a time when he or she needs your help the most. Helen Fitzsimons knows just what you and your cat are going through: combining sympathy with understanding, she brings a wealth of knowledge and research to bear on helping you through your chronic kidney disease journey. Most of all, she gives you hope. All the information you need is in this book which, comprehensive and detailed though it is, is easily accessible through being written in lay-person's language. The chapter on where to obtain supplies at reasonable prices in the USA, UK and Canada alone makes the book worth buying.

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## Customer Reviews

Helen Fitzsimons has been singlehandedly running Tanya's Comprehensive Guide to Feline Chronic Kidney Disease website since 2000. Helen has built up a huge following on her site thanks to her sympathetic and practical assistance to catlovers faced with this illness. Her years of expertise are here presented in book form, providing an indispensable and permanent guide to caregivers everywhere.

This is a fantastic book to have on hand if your kitty has CKD!The author knows about this because she was just like you and me and then she had to go through CKD with more than one cat and she collected everything she could find on it. You know the state of mind you are in dealing with a sickly kitty, well, reading this helped calm me a little. At least I had some idea of what was going on and that I was not powerless to help my little one. Yes, the author has a lot of the same info online, but I

am a book kinda person and sometimes you can find new things by flipping through a book rather than clicking links. Having this by my side to read as I sat with the kitty who sometimes just needed a companion to sit next to her as she tried to sleep. (She really hated when I was on my phone as I sat with her.) There are so many different choices you can make food, medicine and health wise for your kitty at this time. And it's good to know the symptoms because your kitty will not be telling you. Mine definitely didn't. But after one vet visit she had a UTI and then suddenly she was throwing up everywhere and then I got to do subcutaneous fluids for a week or two to see if it helped. And then that turned into subcutaneous fluids for the rest of life (which ended up being another year and a half.) Just reading about the subcutaneous method and ways to streamline that led me to researching and reading more about everything. Then there was how they can have acid reflux or how setting the dishes and water bowl higher than on the floor is helpful (I ended up using a cake stand for her water it was just the right height for her) or even that there are other treatments and alternative medicines. And what foods are good. and what the BUN and Creatinine levels actually mean. It's all in there. I found it an invaluable supplement to the multitude of vet visits, because sometimes some vets don't always tell you the whole story. Based on this info, I ended up finding a new vet soon after her CKD diagnosis who was more in tune with getting her better and helping her feel the best she could at every step. The first vet didn't think people could do subcutaneous fluids at home (it sucks massively in the beginning for everyone involved, but after that it is not as horrible especially if you get the thinner needles), but you can do it. This book helped me decide to just buy the IV pole, it is worth it to be able to go where kitty is comfy to do subq. and that you can buy the subq fluids in bulk at stores nearby for WAY less than at the vet. Thank you to Ms. Fitzsimons for sharing her wealth of knowledge. The book is large and thick, maybe about the same size as a ream of printer paper.

I will reiterate...TRULY the most comprehensive & valuable written resource out there if your kitty has CKD!! So very grateful for Helen Fitzsimons writing this book as well as the online website and members!! The information in this book & the support given, gave me 6 more wonderful months of quality life with my precious fur baby who was diagnosed in stage 4 when I found this book. The book is very thorough and easy to understand with extensive resources provided. It deals with CKD from a medical perspective, yet provides emotional and practical support as well. I read it through - cover to cover - then as needed, re-read sections. It provided me with a wealth of information and resources, guidelines, suggestions - understanding...of the disease and it's progression. I feel so incredibly fortunate that I found this book and was able to provide the very best care I could for my

cat in her final months. Don't hesitate to purchase this book - in my opinion - it is worth it's weight in gold.

This book is fantastic - so comprehensive! I started using Helen Fitzsimons' website back in March 2012 when my cat, Charlie, was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease (CKD). Her website was what saved my sanity and gave me the courage to keep going when I thought we were at the end. We weren't. It's now almost six months later and Charlie is happy, healthy, and stable. The information provided by Helen was a big part of that. Having the information from the website in book form is invaluable. I'm thrilled to have it.

All of this information can be found online by Helen but I had to show my thanks somehow for her educating me, and giving me extra moments with my beloved Little King. This book should be handed out to all cat owners at the time of their adoption or welcoming. When my cat was first diagnosed I wasn't aware it was a chronic disease with no cure. None of that was explained to me. When he got better I just figured it was a misdiagnosis until years later it resurfaced. In my research and discovery of Tanya's Guide I discovered I could have changed many things in his life in the years that passed that would have prolonged his life further. Find a vet who will work with you, values your input and realizes that for some these are our children. My vet refused to prescribe Lactated Ringers Solution instead of Saline with the comment it doesn't matter. I eventually got my lactated ringers and enjoyed my baby until he passed on in my arms one evening at the age of 15.

If you cat has kidney issues - then this book is a must !!!It documents mostly the same information that is on the authors website but a lot easier to navigate and find information fast.Recommend to anyone with a cat over 5 years old - shows you how to change the cats diet to help offset CKF/CKD

Nothing prepares you for the news that your kitty has Chronic Kidney Disease.Tanya's Guide will help you every step of the way in caring for your beloved cat.This book will increase you cats chance of survival...GREATLY!!!. I know first hand...my5 year old cat Precious was on the verge of death and with the helpful advise from thisbook she is now holding her own. I now know the important steps that have improved herquality of life. If you are a cat lover and your cat is diagnosed with Kidney Disease...thisbook is a must.

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