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## CLINICAL SIGNS OF DIABETES MELLITUS IN BALINESE CATS IN BALI INDONESIA

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Diabetes Mellitus (DM) in cats is rarely reported in small animal veterinary practices in Bali. During the year 2013 – 2014 there were two cases presented to Bali Veterinary Clinic in Bali, Indonesia. The two cats were male local cats, one was 1.5 years old and another was 2 years old. Both cases had a history of decreasing appetite for about a month and had lost weight. Upon physical examination, both cats were emaciated, severely dehydrated and pallor was observed.

The first case presented to the clinic with clinical signs of syncope, disorientation and seizures. The second case presented to the clinic with long term gangrenous wound from persistent licking, located on the forelimb as well as on the pelvic area. Diagnosis was based on fasting glucose that revealed hyperglycemia (194 mg/dl and 205 mg/dl respectively). The cats were hospitalized for supportive treatment and management of secondary infections but both died within one week.

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## CLINICAL SIGNS OF DIABETES MELLITUS IN LOCAL BALI CATS IN BALI INDONESIA

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Diabetes mellitus is caused by a deficiency of insulin. The clinical signs seen in diabetes mellitus are related to the elevated concentrations of blood glucose and the inability of the body to use glucose as an energy source (Hoxa, 2009). Diabetes mellitus is a chronic. Diabetes Mellitus in cats rarely found in Small Animal Veterinary Practice in Bali. The cat owner's is not be aware with change the condition of their cat. The cat initially lost in several weeks.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose this paper is to presented clinical sign of diabetes mellitus in local cat.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

There were Two cases local cat at Bali Veterinary Clinic in Bali with different the clinical sign

**RESULTS**

The two cases were a male local cat, 1.5 years old and another male local cat, 2 years old. Both cases had history of decreasing appetite for about a month and as a result significantly losing body weight (Figure 1). Loss of appetite occurred approximately 2 days prior to presentation and was accompanied by polydipsia and polyuria (Reine, 2006). Obesity is a predisposing factor in type 2 diabetes which appears to be the most common type of diabetes in the cat (Casper and Peiman, 2000).



Figure 1. Cat with loss of body weight.

From physical examination both cats were emaciated, severely dehydrated and pale. While both body temperature were stable. This first case presented to the clinic by the owner with the clinical signs of aversion to food, diarrhea and excretion (fig 2). This clinical sign was recorded from another researcher (Romo, 2006; Hoxa, 2009).



Figure 2. Cat with clinical signs: aversion and diarrhea.

The second case presented to the clinical signs with long term gangrenous wound from persistent licking, located on the front leg carpal as well on the pelvic area.



Figure 3. Gangrenous wound on the front leg, severe dehydration

Physical examination obtained both cats are very thin, severe dehydration. Diagnosis base on pre-moist glucose test which revealed the results 294 mg/dl and 205 mg/dl respectively. The cats were hospitalized for supporting treatment and secondary infection and died within 5 and 7 days. Successful patient management is widely defined by the maintenance of a stable body weight and mitigation of clinical signs such as excessive thirst, urination, and hunger along with the avoidance of ketosis or hypoglycemia (Cook, 2012).



Figure 4. Case 2, wound in lateral pelvic area, moist condition



Figure 5. Case 2 Wound inside pelvic, moist condition

**CONCLUSIONS**

The cases were diagnosed as diabetic mellitus with clinical signs gangrenous wound and moist wound.

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