Hearthstone Animal Clinic

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Kona [redacted]

11-05-2026

Summary

Kona came in today because he has been having bloody urine. Because he can be quite feisty during exams, we gave him a light sedative so he would be comfortable and we could do a thorough job, including taking a full set of X-rays of his abdomen, bladder, hips, and chest.

The X-rays told us a great deal. Kona's hips and chest look great, and the weight loss since his last visit in April is genuinely good news, he's down two and a half pounds. The concerning finding is in his bladder: he has a large cluster of bladder stones toward the front of his bladder and a smaller cluster toward the back. Some of those stones near the back were sitting close to the opening of his urethra, the tube he urinates through, which worried me. I passed a urinary catheter and was able to gently push those stones back up into the bladder and away from that opening, so he is not in immediate danger right now.

Here is why I am recommending we act quickly. There are foods that can sometimes dissolve certain types of bladder stones, but in a male dog like Kona, waiting carries real risk. Male dogs have a small bone inside the penis, and bladder stones can get lodged right there if they travel down the urethra. If that happens, he would not be able to urinate at all, that becomes a true emergency. With as many stones as Kona has, and as large as they are, I believe surgery to remove them is the right path, and sooner is better than later.

The soonest I could perform the surgery here would be Tuesday the 10th, with the next available slot being Friday the 13th. Because I feel that waiting that long carries meaningful risk for Kona, I would strongly encourage you to contact Cypress Fairhaven Crossroads and the Veterinary Emergency Group today, it is Thursday, to see if either of them can get him in

sooner. They have more doctors available and may be able to fit him in this week. While you are making those arrangements, please watch closely to make sure Kona is urinating normally. If he stops urinating at any point before surgery, take him to an emergency clinic immediately.

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What to Do Tonight ← keep this handy

ACTIVITY **Activity:** Keep Kona calm and limit strenuous exercise while awaiting surgery.



Key Findings

Physical Exam Findings:

- Weight: 84.7 lbs, down 2.5 lbs since last visit, which is a positive trend
- Hips: look great on X-ray
- Chest: normal on X-ray

Test Results:

- Abdominal X-rays: large cluster of bladder stones in the front of the bladder and a smaller cluster near the back, close to the urethral opening
- Urinary catheter passage: stones near the urethral opening were successfully moved back up into the bladder, the urethra is currently clear

Diagnoses and Conditions:

- Bladder stones (uroliths), multiple, large; causing bloody urine and risk of urinary obstruction



Treatment Plan & Care Instructions

Treatments Administered in Clinic:

- Light sedation given so Kona would be comfortable for his exam and X-rays
- Full set of X-rays taken (abdomen, bladder, hips, chest)

- Urinary catheter passed to push stones away from the urethral opening and back into the bladder

Other Treatments and Home Care Instructions:

- **Urination Monitoring:** Watch closely to make sure Kona is urinating, that he is actually producing a stream of urine, not just squatting or straining. This is the most important thing you can do right now.
- **Next Steps:** Contact Cypress Fairhaven Crossroads and the Veterinary Emergency Group as soon as possible to see if surgery can be scheduled before Tuesday the 10th. If neither can accommodate him sooner, we can schedule him here for Tuesday the 10th or Friday the 13th.



Signs to Watch For ← please read!

Because of the number and size of Kona's bladder stones, there are specific warning signs that mean he needs emergency care right away:

- **Not urinating at all:** if Kona squats or lifts his leg but produces no urine, or you have not seen him urinate in several hours, this is an emergency, go to an emergency clinic immediately, do not wait.
- **Straining or crying when trying to urinate:** grunting, whimpering, or repeated unsuccessful attempts to go are signs stones may be blocking his urethra.
- **Restlessness or extreme discomfort:** pacing, inability to settle, or seeming very distressed can signal a blockage.
- **Vomiting combined with not urinating:** together these signs suggest a serious obstruction and require immediate emergency care.
- **Increased bloody urine or sudden worsening:** some blood in the urine is expected given his condition, but a sudden dramatic increase warrants a call to us or an emergency clinic.

Worried about any of these? Call us

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Hearthstone Animal Clinic
during clinic hours

After hours, or a true emergency? Go now

(281) 888-8713

VEG Katy (Veterinary Emergency Group)
Open 24/7, 1370 W Grand Parkway South, Katy, TX 77494

Follow-up Steps

- [ ] Contact Cypress Fairhaven Crossroads and the Veterinary Emergency Group today (Thursday) to ask about the earliest available surgical slot for bladder stone removal.
- [ ] If surgery cannot be arranged sooner, Kona's surgery here can be scheduled for Tuesday the 10th or Friday the 13th, please call us to hold that time.
- [ ] If Kona stops urinating at any point before surgery, take him to an emergency clinic immediately, do not wait for a regular appointment.
- Please call us if anything concerns you in the meantime.

Cut this out and keep it on the fridge



Keep a close eye on

Kona

Home from Hearthstone · 11-05-2026

Scan for Kona's full instructions

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