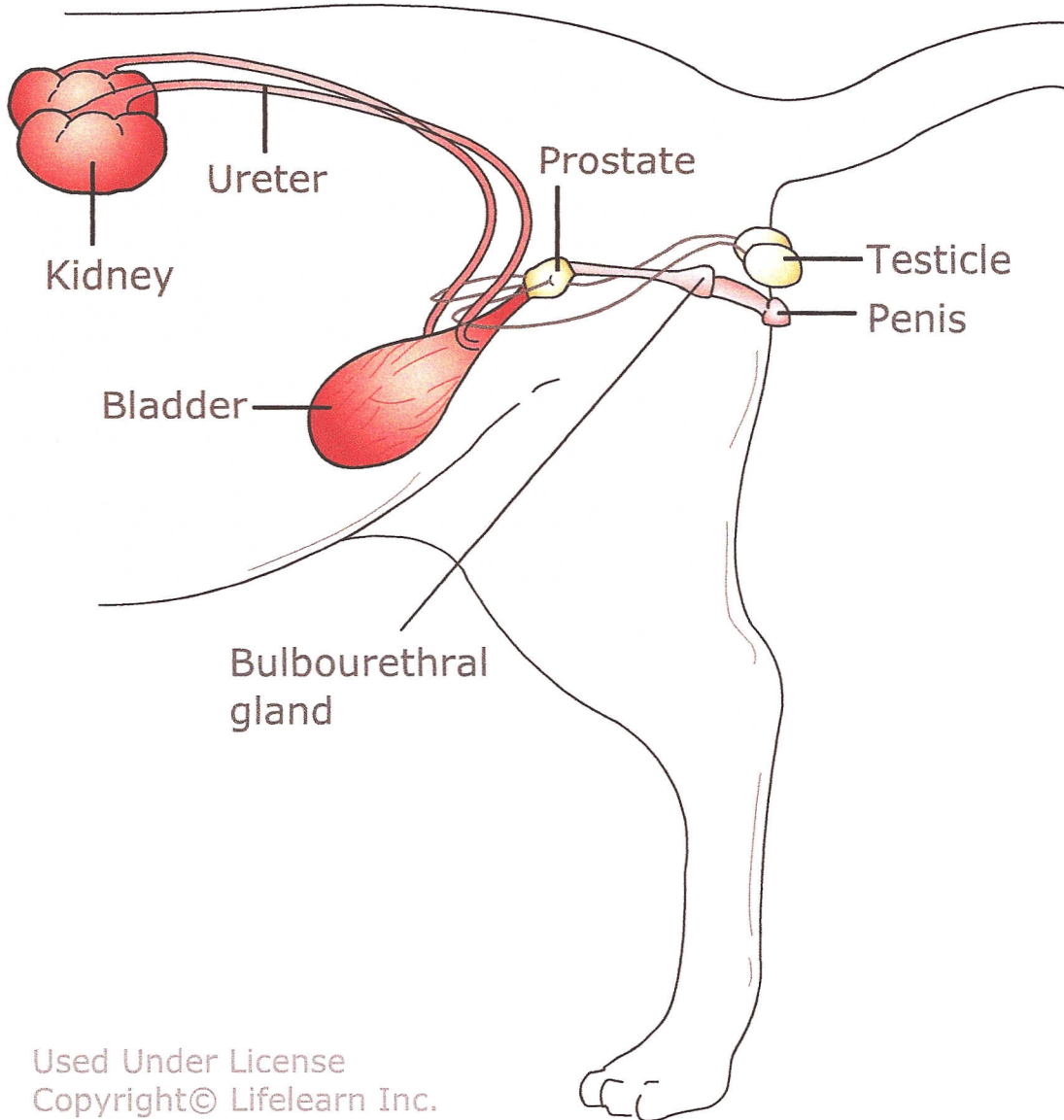


Urinary Tract - Male Cat: Anatomy of male cat urinary tract, urinary obstructions.



The urinary tract consists of the kidneys, ureters, bladder and urethra. In the male cat, the urethra curves upward from the neck of the bladder before passing through the prostate and bulbo-urethral gland and entering the penis. This anatomy predisposes the male cat to an obstruction in the urethra if the urinary tract becomes inflamed or if sediment forms in the urine. If a urinary obstruction occurs, it will be necessary to relieve it by passing a catheter through the urethra to the bladder, flushing the obstruction back into the bladder. For further information about lower urinary tract disease in the cat, see our Client Education Handout Series.