**Title:**
Characterization of hypoxia-induced, pro-fibrotic pathways in feline chronic kidney disease

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**Study description:**
The purpose of this study is to characterize specific tissue factors involved in the progression of feline chronic kidney disease. Renal tissues from cats diagnosed with chronic kidney disease according to International Renal Interest Society (IRIS) guidelines are sought for clinical study. Kidney tissue and urine would be collected immediately following humane euthanasia or natural death, and may occur at the patient’s veterinary clinic or at UGA’s Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

The study will cover all costs associated with tissue collection. Cosmetic removal of the kidney tissue may be performed if preferred by the owner.

**Duration of study:**
The study is currently OPEN.

**Potential benefits to veterinary medicine:**
The information gathered from this study will help the investigators better understand factors that contribute to the progression of feline chronic kidney disease and ultimately, advance the treatment of this highly prevalent and life-limiting disease.