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## Spinal Disorders

### General Information

The spinal column (backbone) extends from the base of the skull to the end of the tail. It gives support to the body and protects the spinal cord. Nerve branches stem out from the spinal cord to reach vital structures and muscles of the body. Fractures, arthritis and other diseases of the spinal column may cause numerous disorders ranging from pain to paralysis. Radiographs (x-rays) may be necessary to evaluate your pet's condition.

Your pet's condition has been diagnosed as: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Recommendations:* \_\_\_\_\_

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