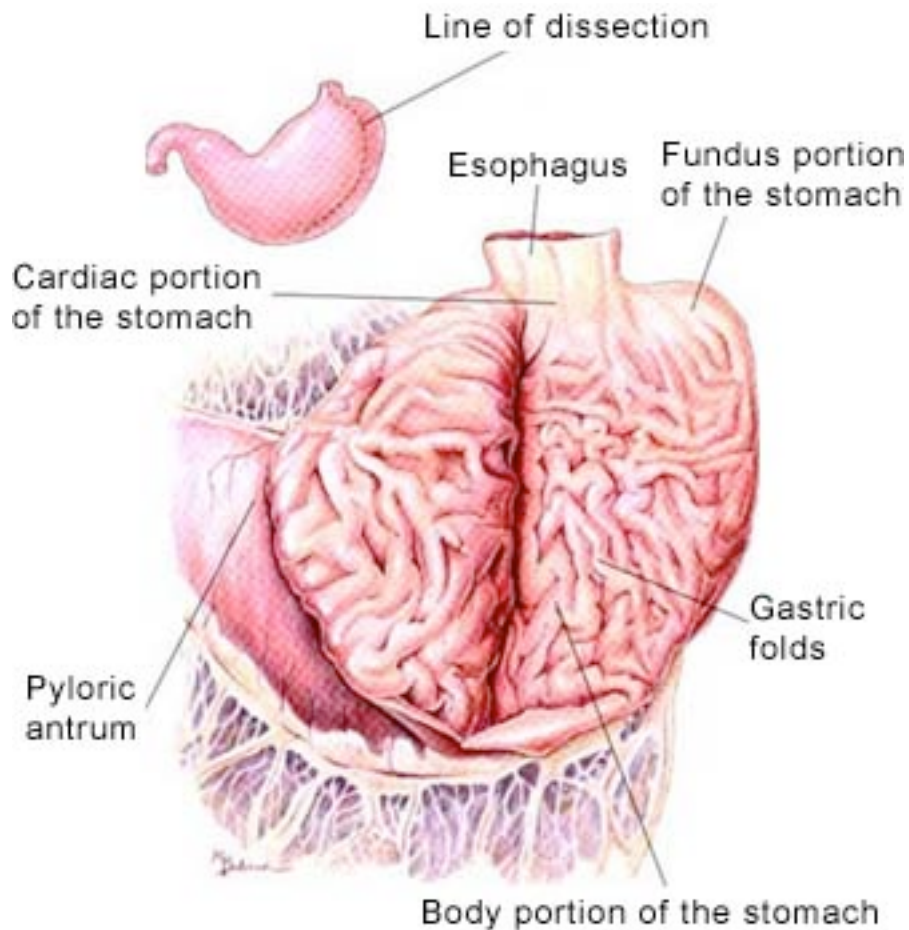




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Acute Gastritis

Gastritis is the inflammation of the lining of the stomach. Two types of gastritis are recognized: acute gastritis and chronic gastritis.



Normal Stomach Cut Away

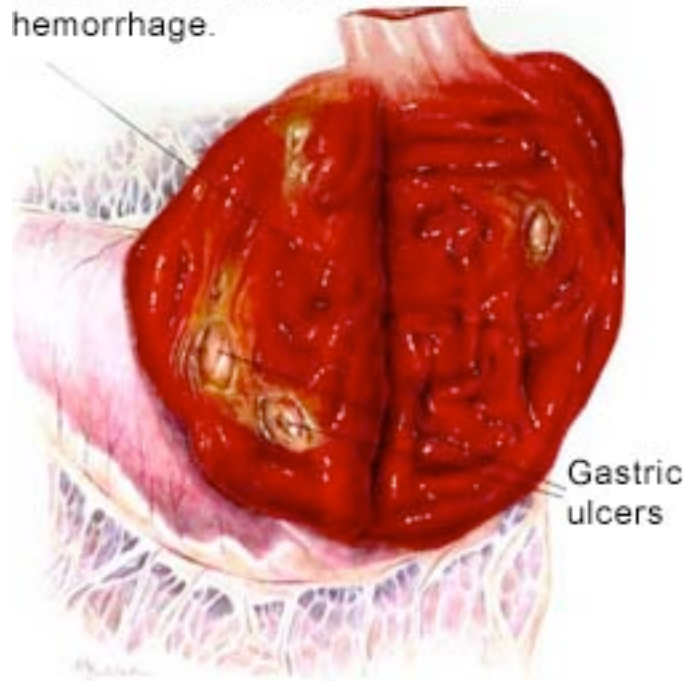
Acute gastritis is common in dogs and cats. The onset of acute gastritis is rapid and usually is a self-limiting condition. Vomiting is the major clinical symptom and usually resolves within 24 to 48 hours. There are many causes of acute gastritis, but very often, the cause is never determined. Possible causes include ingestion of foreign matter or foreign objects, ingestion of garbage, drugs and medication, viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Acute gastritis can also result from more complex, generalized disorders.



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Since vomiting is the major symptom, dehydration is the major complicating factor. Hospitalization with fluid therapy is required for animals that are dehydrated. Withholding food is important when treating the symptoms of acute gastritis. After food is withheld for a certain amount of time, your veterinarian may recommend feeding a special homemade or prescription diet until the condition is completely under control. During convalescence, your veterinarian may also recommend a specific feeding protocol.

Diffuse redness of the mucosa due to active inflammation and hemorrhage.



Hemorrhagic Gastritis with Ulcers

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