

Cat Care Information and Websites

Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)

Over the counter treatment option – D-Mannose

<http://abchomeopathy.com/forum2.php/127240/>

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2010/01/06/prevent-urinary-tract-infection-in-cats.aspx>

<http://tahomaclinicblog.com/d-mannose-for-bladder-and-kidney-infections/>

<http://www.getpharmacyadvice.com/d-mannose-for-uti-prevention-and-treatment/>

Crystals

Urtica Urens Dosage and Uses <http://mypetnaturally.com/Manufacturers/ESP/UrticaUrens.pdf>

For dissolving crystals

Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease (FLUTD) Nicki & Magic

Marvista Vet http://www.marvistavet.com/html/feline_lower_urinary_tract_dis.html

Harpis.com http://www.harpis.com/flutd.htm#what_is_it

Littlebigcat.com <http://www.littlebigcat.com/health/urinary-tract-disorders-in-cats/>

Many cats have a flair up their symptoms resemble a bacterial urinary tract infection or possible urinary blockage. It is especially important to monitor the cat to ensure it is not a life threatening urinary blockage or bladder infection. Typically, it is very rare for male cats to have a bacterial bladder infection, it is usually FLUTD which is also commonly called “Sterile Cystitis”. FLUTD or “Sterile Cystitis” is where the lining of the bladder becomes inflamed, usually due to stress. Symptoms can include straining to go to the bathroom, multiple trips to the litterbox with little or no results, blood in the urine, going outside the litterbox, etc. The standard over the counter treatment I have used for cats with Sterile Cystitis is Cosequin for Cats 2 times daily (am & pm) for 14 days and the majority of their diet as canned food for that time period. This has resolved the symptoms, but you must do this for the full 14 days.

When symptoms start, you want to be careful that you rule out a blockage as a cat can die within 24 hours if they are blocked and cannot go to the bathroom.

Holistic Treatment Options

Many herbal and nutritional treatments have been tried with varying success. Certainly, antioxidant vitamins such as C and E, which are also helpful in times of stress, are indicated (Vitamin C as sodium ascorbate or Ester C, and Vitamin E). Other antioxidants such as BioSuperfood may also be helpful, because of their anti-inflammatory action. Herbs such as slippery elm, horsetail, and couch grass have helped some cats. Many cats have done well with Co-Enzyme Q10, which prevents inflammation at the cellular level.

Cranberry extract is beneficial for many animals. Cranberry is thought to prevent the attachment of the E. coli bacteria to the bladder wall. Because bacteria are not present in most cases FLUTD, it may be less beneficial for cats. However, cranberry has still been helpful in many cases, even those without any evidence of bacteria. Cranberry capsules are available at the health food store (typically in 250 mg strength which is a good once-a-day dose for cats), and are very safe to give long-term.

Essences are often very helpful for FLUTD. Because the problem is so highly stress-related, addressing any underlying emotional imbalances and susceptibilities can be critical for long-term resolution. Spirit Essences formula “UR-Fine” is specifically designed to reduce stress and keep the urinary tract supported and balanced. <http://www.littlebigcat.com/health/urinary-tract-disorders-in-cats/>

Urinary Tract Health Supplements

Urinary Gold for Feline Urinary Tract Health <http://www.petwellbeing.com>

Cancer

Life Gold – Cat Cancer Support <http://www.petwellbeing.com/products/cat-cancer>

Milk Thistle for Cat Liver Disease www.petwellbeing.com

(helps liver damage from chemo)

Feline Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

Tanya's Comprehensive Guide to Feline Chronic Kidney Disease <http://www.felinecrf.org/index.htm>

Kidney Support Gold - Cat Kidney Disease Support www.petwellbeing.com

Urine Symptoms

The color of your cat's urine is also something that is important to watch out for, as it can give you clues that there is something serious afoot. A healthy color for cat's urine is to be amber or yellow.

- Green, Dark brown, Yellowish-brown or with foam. This is often the sign that your cat is suffering from some sort of liver problem.

- Brown, dark red or cloudy. This means that there is blood in your cat's urine.

- Other colors. This could be the result of any medication that your cat may be taking.

<http://www.vetinfo.com/what-is-a-normal-feline-urination-frequency.html>

Urine Odor Remover Info

Bye Bye Odor <https://www.spalding-labs.com/products/odor-control/for-cats/default.aspx>

Dumb Cat https://lifegreatproducts.com/index.php?m=&c=&p=faqs_info&l=page_view&my_rate=CAD

Odormute

Cat Faeries <http://www.catfaeries.com/cleanup.html>

How to remove urine odors & Stains video: <http://videos.wisegeek.com/videos/517214337.htm>

Home Made Formulas

16 oz Hydrogen Peroxide

1 Teaspoon dishwashing liquid

1 Tablespoon Baking Soda

Mix together and soak area, leave on till completely dry if a white residue appears it can be vacuumed or brushed away. This has never failed and I have 16 cats (from poster, not me).

<http://ths.gardenweb.com/forums/load/petdebate/msg1013260223390.html>

Larger Quantity – same forum

1 qt. 3% hydrogen peroxide

1/4 C. baking soda

1 tsp.liquid dish soap

Mix at time of use, not to be stored, bottle will explode.

Marking, Spraying, Territorial & Litterbox Issues:

Feliway – Excellent!!!!

Cat Faeries <http://www.catfaeries.com/feliway.html?gclid=CJ7Y-Na56awCFciC5Qod8y75Nw>

Jackson Galaxy Website (From My Cat From Hell TV Show) www.jacksongalaxy.com

Wealth of information and helpful advice.

Spirit Essences

I order the **Ultimate Peacemaker set** (Includes Bully, Self-Esteem and Peacemaker) and I order **Safe Space**. I find they work great as a set. I use the Bully for the bully, the Self-Esteem for my timid cats, the Peacemaker goes in the water dish and Safe Space is for those "normal" cats that are neither a bully or timid.

Excellent products and then some! I felt I started seeing results within a day or two. Start out using 3-4 times a day until first bottle is gone or until definite results are seen. Subsequent bottles only applied in the am & pm. Except for Peacemaker, I apply all essences transdermally rather than orally.

Application: I spray one spray in my hand and apply to the top of their head and ears and pet down their back. I see an immediate relaxation and calming effect. Peacemaker is added to water dish daily in the AM.

Ultimate Peacemaker 3 piece set (Peacemaker, Self Esteem & Bully)

Peacemaker – add to water, Self Esteem for timid cat and Bully for the aggressive cat.

Safe Space – For all other “normal” cats to help them stay calm and get along

UR Fine – Great for urine & Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease

<http://jacksongalaxy.com/spirit-essences/>

<http://store.jacksongalaxy.com/Spirit-Essences-Bestsellers-s/1850.htm>

Abe's market includes free shipping, plus I have been able to google discount codes for Abe's market and get a bonus discount code to apply at check-out. My last order included the Ultimate Peacemaker and Safe space and essentially I received the safe space free.

<http://www.abesmarket.com/store/spiritessences/>

Flower Essences Cat Faeries <http://www.catfaeries.com/essences.html>

Originally used Cat Faeries Flower Essences, successfully used these on cats as well as other wildlife. Older squirrels. However, Jackson Galaxy Spirit Essences work much better. I

Antibiotics

Doxycycline – 100 mg tablets

50 mg (1/2 tablet) 2 x per day for 10 days for 10 lb cat (Patches)

75 mg (3/4 tablet) 2 x per day for 10 days Bandit

Diarrhea

Pumpkin – 100% pure pumpkin (Works for both diarrhea and constipation)

Powdered probiotics added to cat food

Full fat natural yogurt – Plain or Vanilla (no sugar or sugar substitutes added – sugar gives diarrhea)

Plantaris - <http://nhvnaturalpetproducts.com/>

BM Tone-Up Gold – All natural Cat Diarrhea Support

<http://www.petwellbeing.com/products/cat-diarrhea?gclid=COzgg-zs0bQCFQpgMgodemwA2g>

Cat Constipation

Miralax

http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/pets/columns/dr-fox/laxative-may-help-constipated-cats/article_557a04c6-4039-5e0e-a51b-2bdd0ab82d8a.html

Grandma's home remedies: Pumpkin, water, petroleum jelly, milk

<http://www.grandmashomeremedies.com/home-remedies-for-cat-constipation.html>

Ulcerated Lip on cat (eosinophilic granuloma complex)

Rodent Ulcers in Cats

http://www.medicinenet.com/pets/cat-health/rodent_ulcers_in_cats.htm

Cortisone has proven to be the most effective treatment, but it should be given with an antibiotic, at least initially, to clear up any secondary bacterial infection. Cortisone is given either as pills (prednisone) or by injection (Depo-medrol). Depo-medrol is a long-lasting injection that is given at two-week intervals.

Usually, three courses are necessary. Alternately, prednisone can be given daily until the ulcer disappears. If the ulcer recurs after either injectable or oral cortisone therapy, the cat is placed on prednisone maintenance-usually one pill every other day. Essential fatty acid supplements may also be beneficial.

Skin Diseases & Allergies in cats

http://www.petmd.com/cat/conditions/skin/c_ct_eosinophilic_granuloma_complex

Eosinophilic Granuloma Complex

<http://www.veterinarypartner.com/Content.plx?P=A&S=0&C=0&A=656>

My Cats Lip <http://en.allexperts.com/q/Cats-1606/cat-lip.htm>

They're caused by an autoimmune disease called an eosinophilic granuloma complex. And the most effective treatment usually is a cortisone injection. I have a cat suffering from this disease, and one injection clears him up just fine. It's been years since his last one. It is important to treat rodent uclers promptly. If left too long, it can progress to cancer. In some serious cases that don't respond to steroids, surgical or cryogenic removal of the lesion is suggested.

Deworming

Note: Do not use products with piperazine because of the side effects. (Piperazine is only good for round worms)

Pyrantel Pamoate – Round worms & Hook worms

Pyrantel Pamoate Worming dosages for cats – (1 teaspoon = 5 mL)

Pyrantel Pamoate Suspension 50mg/ml give at .1ml per lb or 1ml per 10lbs of body weight which is 5mgs Pyrantel Pamoate per pound

Additional Information on Pyrantel Pamoate & Dosing

<http://www.petplace.com/drug-library/pyrantel-pamoate-nemex-strongid-t/page1.aspx>

Recommended Pyrantel dose is 2.5-5mgs per pound of body weight for cats

Nemex 2 is just pyrantel and can be used in cats as well. We normally dose Nemex at 1.5ml per 2lbs of body weight .Nemex 2 is 4.54mgs per ml.

I know several vets that use Strongid T for large animals which is 50mgs per ml and they dose at 1ml per 10lbs of body weight which is 5mgs per pound

<http://www.justanswer.com/pet-cat/5mtzj-hi-lori-saw-answer-cat-owner-re-50mg-ml.html>

<http://www.arcforwildlife.com/raccoons.htm>

Pyrantel Pamoate, orally at (5mg/pound) or 11mg/kg. BE DILIGENT ABOUT WORMING. DO NOT MISS A SINGLE DOSE UNTIL RELEASE. Pyrantel pamoate is very low in toxicity because it is not absorbed from the intestine. It is sold under the trade names Nemex, NEMEX-2, and Strongid.

Give @ weeks 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and then give 1 X monthly

Pyrantel Pamoate Suspension 50mg/ml (give at .1ml per lb)

Nemex-2 Brand of Pyrantel Pamoate suspension is 4.54mg/ per ml (give at .5ml per lb)

<http://vombanachk9.homestead.com/puppies.html>

Tape Worms

Tapeworm infection in cats: <http://www.petplace.com/cats/tapeworm-infection-in-cats/page1.aspx>

Fenbendazole (Panacur®)

Fenbendazole is effective against roundworms, hookworms, whipworms, certain tapeworms and parasites called strongyles and strongyloides. Fenbendazole is also effective against certain parasites of the bronchial tree and lungs (Aelurostrongylus and Paragonimiasis).

Fenbendazole is available in 222 mg/gram granules, 222 mg/gram suspensions and 100 mg/gram pastes. Fenbendazole generally is not effective as a one-time dose. It is recommended that fenbendazole be given once a day for several consecutive days. For dogs and cats, 25 mg per pound (50 mg/kg) daily for three consecutive days is usually effective.

<http://www.petplace.com/drug-library/fenbendazole-panacur/page1.aspx>

Praziquantel is needed for tape worms and Tape worm tabs are safe but can be very expensive check Amazon and Ebay they often have tape worm tabs cheaper and I know a lot of people who get tape worm tabs in lots on ebay. I do not normally recommend that but with a large colony it may be more cost effective.

<http://www.justanswer.com/pet-cat/5mtzj-hi-lori-saw-answer-cat-owner-re-50mg-ml.html>

Ticks

Natural tick repellents.

FOOD GRADE diatomaceous earth, it is wonderful! It's cheap. Dust your pet and they will start falling off. www.earthworkshealth.com

Olive Oil dropped on the tick, followed by a swipe with a cotton ball will wipe off the tick

You can make a non-toxic tick repellent at home for your loved ones. Get a 16-ounce (475ml) spray bottle and start spraying!

Create a citrus based repellent. Ticks avoid citrus, which makes it an effective weapon. To make: Boil 2 cups of water, and add two chopped lemons, limes, oranges, or grapefruit—alone or in combination. Let it boil for a minute or so, then simmer the concoction for an hour. Strain the fruit out, let it cool, pour into the sprayer, and squirt it on you, your kids, your pets, your yard—anywhere ticks might like to go.

Essential Oils use geranium, lavender, or peppermint essential oils. These are not safe for cats though, so avoid spraying the cat.

Tea tree oil

Vaseline cover tick and it will suffocate and fall off

Nontoxic Yard treatments

Apply a Natural Insecticide **Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium** plants have high levels of pyrethrins. These botanical compounds are extracted from the plant and used to create a natural insecticide known as pyrethrum, which is available in numerous over-the-counter natural pesticide products. Such products paralyze and kill ticks and fleas quickly for eco-friendly tick control. Pyrethrum powder can be dusted on a lawn's surface while pyrethrum sprays can be applied to vertical surfaces, such as fences

Garlic juice. It is potent and it may require the use of a mask if the scent is overpowering. Spray this on all the plants and grass. It can be sprayed on patios, windows, trees and hanging plants such as flowers and vines too. This is not harmful to any of the vegetables that may be growing in the garden or the grass. It will not run off any of the nice animals that you may see in the mornings such as deer or rabbits. However, the ticks will be able to detect this even after it rains and will steer clear of the entire place.

Another natural and sweet way to rid the place, including the inside of the house, of ticks is with rosemary oil, oil of wintergreen or peppermint oil. All of these, mixed or individually will do the same thing. They are safe to spray on plants and will not harm the garden, flowering shrubs or trees. The scent is great for the air and they are also reported to help with water stains on some driveways and walls.

None of the natural ingredients that are mentioned here will send away butterflies, necessary bees that pollinate the garden to produce your vegetables or fruits and will not harm the pets or small children even if they ingest the grass after it is sprayed. With these options the whole yard and house will smell nice too and there will be no ticks all season. <http://voices.yahoo.com/getting-rid-ticks-naturally-7952182.html>

Behavior

How To Keep Cats Away From Your House Plants

<http://voices.yahoo.com/how-keep-cats-away-houseplants-1845156.html?cat=7>

Cats eat plants because it is a substitute for eating grass, which induces vomiting and rids them of painful hairballs that accumulate over time. Because cats can't just force themselves to throw up, they resort to the first green thing they see: your houseplant. It is their instinct to seek out some sort of grass or plant.

The reason they dig in the dirt or use your hapless plant for a litter box? They just like getting their feet in the dirt. It is a welcome distraction from their ordinary activities.

1. Spray-bottle at the ready for whenever Kitty moves towards the houseplants.
2. Spray repellants from a pet store or veterinarian. Spraying plants with these repellants should make your cat stay away. A homemade alternative to this is to mix lemon juice with water and spritz the mixture over your plants.
3. Cats especially dislike citrus, so to keep them from digging, place citrus peelings in the dirt of your plant. Other remedies are to sprinkle powdered ginger or cayenne pepper in the dirt around your plant.
4. Buy special grasses for cats to chew on, which can be found at pet supply stores. These could include parsley, sage, thyme and lavender.
5. make your cat his own little garden. Growing flats of catnip or other assorted grasses is a wonderful option that keeps both of you happy. To acclimate your cat to the garden, let him know that it is just for him/her. Wave the leaves in front of their noses or put treats inside the garden to entice them to it.