



Natural Help for...



Pet Anemia

What is Anemia?

Anemia occurs in animals when they have a lower than normal level of red blood cells (also referred to as erythrocytes) carrying oxygen to the body. Red blood cells contain a protein compound known as hemoglobin that gives blood its red color and transports oxygen to all the essential parts of the body. When there is a significant **decrease in the number of red blood cells** produced, the animal has to work extra hard to supply oxygen throughout the body. Animals with **anemia** have an increased heart rate which often causes fatigue, pale gums and depression.

Anemia can become a very serious condition if not treated immediately. Puppies and kittens especially, are at an increased risk of developing **anemia** if they are infested with fleas or internal parasites such as worms. The bodies of young puppies and kittens become easily weakened when fleas and worms are feeding off their blood and can cause **severe anemia**. For this reason, it is extremely important to **eliminate fleas and worms** as soon as they appear.

The symptoms and signs of anemia include:

- Pale gums or mucous membranes are seen when the lip is pushed up
- Pales eyes and ears
- Weakness
- Depression
- Loss of appetite
- Weight loss
- Anorexia
- Irregular breathing and heartbeat
- Lethargy, sleeps more than usual
- Stop grooming themselves
- Abdominal distension
- Nausea or vomiting
- Susceptibility to cold
- Episodes of collapse
- Heart murmur
- Blood in urine or feces

What causes Anemia?

There are several **causes of anemia** which are divided into three categories – **blood loss, hemolysis** and the insufficient production of red blood cells.

Blood loss can occur as a result of trauma and injury that causes damage to the



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blood vessels or internal organs in the form of a stomach ulcer, from parasites (fleas, ticks and hookworms), tumors of the intestinal tract, urinary bladder and kidneys and **diseases that prevent proper clotting of blood**. Some substances and toxins such as raw or cooked onions, drugs (Tylenol, aspirin), zinc, copper, propylene glycol which is sometimes found in canned food can also cause the destruction of red cells and are very dangerous.

One of the most common [causes of anemia](#) in pets is [hemolytic anemia](#) which occurs as a result of **immune-mediated diseases**. In immune-mediated diseases, the body's immune system kills its own red blood cells rather than its own germs. [Hemolytic anemia](#) tends to be more common in dogs, particularly poodles, spaniels and Old English sheepdogs.

Female dogs are affected more than males and this disease can strike when they are young or middle aged. Infectious diseases such as **feline leukemia virus and feline immunodeficiency** as well as blood parasites like Haemobartonella (affects cats more than dogs) and Babesia (affects dogs more than cats) can lead to hemolysis. Hemolysis may also be caused by cancer, kidney failure, hereditary diseases, and mechanical damage to the red blood cells, toxic heavy metals and exposure to certain drugs.

If the bone marrow does not produce an increasing number of new red blood cells, then certain factors or diseases may contribute to the **prevention red blood cell production**. These include poor nutrition or nutritional imbalances, exposure to toxins and chemicals, any severe, chronic disease, autoimmune disease, hypothyroidism or cancer.

Diagnosing Anemia

The [diagnosis of anemia](#) is based on symptoms such as pale gingiva (gums), **listlessness, weakness and lethargy**. Certain blood tests such as the packed cell volume (PCV) which is also called the hematocrit, red blood cell count and hemoglobin count are performed to determine whether your pet is anemic.

A study of a stained blood smear, bone marrow biopsy or aspirate may also provide useful information about whether the bone marrow is producing new red blood cells and what may be **causing the anemia**. In addition, a urinalysis, biochemical profile and fecal exam may also be performed.

Help for Anemia

[Treatment of anemia](#) depends on the underlying cause which may be treated with intravenous fluids and medications. In cases where [anemia](#) is severe, a blood transfusion may be required to replace lost blood. In order to maintain optimal health of your pet, ensure that it is fed a healthy diet, exercises regularly and has sufficient water to drink. **Keeping your pets free of fleas, ticks and worms** with an effective repellent will also help to [prevent anemia](#).

Natural remedies

Natural treatments such herbal remedies have also proven to be highly effective in **providing symptomatic relief for anemia**. Herbal remedies are safe and



Michele Carelse, Clinical Psychologist



All of our natural remedies are formulated by our expert team of herbalists, naturopaths and homeopaths, and headed by Michele Carelse.

Michele has had years of experience in the manufacturing and use of natural remedies for both people and pets. In addition, she is a trained Clinical Psychologist and has been incorporating natural remedies into her treatment of patients with depression, anxiety, ADD, ADHD and stress for many years with spectacular results.

gentle enough to use while at the same time addresses overall health and wellbeing of the animal.

A selection of herbal ingredients such as **Taraxacum officinalis** (Dandelion), **Echinacea purpurea**, **Withania somnifera** (Ashwagandha) and **Sylibum marianus** (Milk Thistle) supports healthy **immune functioning and hemoglobin levels**, and helps to cleanse and purify the body's system. It is also an excellent tonic for the lymphatic system and promotes vitality and balance.

There are number of things that you can do to prevent anemia in pets and these include:

- Feed your pet a healthy, well balanced diet – good quality pet food ensures that your pet is getting the proper nutrition
- Incorporate iron-rich foods such as liver or green vegetables into their diet, but never feed onions and use garlic in moderation.
- Supplement your pet's diet with kelp, nutritional yeast, vitamin C and B12
- Use products that are both effective and easy to apply to repel and kill fleas and ticks
- De-worm your animals, especially puppies and kittens regularly
- Make sure that your cat is vaccinated or limit his or her contact with other cats as they are at high risk for the leukemia virus
- Never give your pets human over-the-counter medication because these substances can contribute to [anemia](#)

The Natural Approach

While Western medicine has become the norm in many cultures, it is not the only treatment option. Conventional western medicine, often called allopathic medicine, is the system of medicine taught at most medical schools and most pharmaceutical and synthetic medicines are manufactured and marketed according to the principles of allopathic medicine. Allopathic medicine is also sometimes called orthodox medicine.

Because most of us in the Western world have grown up in a society in which allopathic medicine is the prevailing norm, we forget that, only a few decades ago, homeopathic, herbal and other natural medicines were commonly available – and freely used even by conventional doctors and veterinarians. While there are often heated debates about which system of medicine is 'better' than the other, many responsible doctors and vets (whether they are allopathic or not) recognize that both have a role to play in the treatment program.

Just like humans, domesticated animals like dogs and cats are affected by the health hazards of modern living. Pollution, poor nutrition, stress and unhealthy lifestyles can lead to a variety of illnesses and conditions that are very similar to those experienced by humans. In fact, many, if not most pet health concerns can be addressed by helping your pets to live a healthier lifestyle. While it has its place, conventional medicine for animals and 'modern technology' have failed our pets in many ways.

According to pet expert and author CJ Puotinen, most holistic veterinarians and animal health care professions list annual vaccinations and commercial pet foods as the major contributory cause in the rising rates of chronic illness in pets today. Similarly, Juliette de Bairacli Levy, respected author and renowned animal

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breeder, points out that contrary to the belief that mass vaccination and antibiotic use will contribute to a decrease in disease, the opposite has in fact proved true. Like their human counterparts, today's pets are becoming more and more vulnerable to chronic disease and ill health. This has led many veterinarians to search for alternatives and to espouse more holistic methods of keeping our pets healthy.

"In the wild, animals instinctively seek out healing herbs to help them when they are ill or undernourished. In fact, Asclepius, the ancient Greek god of medicine, respected dogs very highly for their ability to seek out and eat medicinal herbs in the wild. This ability is shared by other animals, including cats. We are coming to realize that nature often has the answers - but animals have always known this! Natural medicine can help your pet just as it can help you. While there is always a place for conventional veterinary medicine, natural medicine can compliment conventional veterinary care and in many cases do just as well. I have applied the same care and research that have gone into our Native Remedies range for adults and children to the development of pet-friendly, safe and effective natural remedies for animals. As always, all remedies are formulated to the highest therapeutic standards and manufactured under strict pharmaceutical conditions for your peace of mind and the well being of your pets. " Michele Carelse, Clinical Psychologist.

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Dr. Glenn Ferguson
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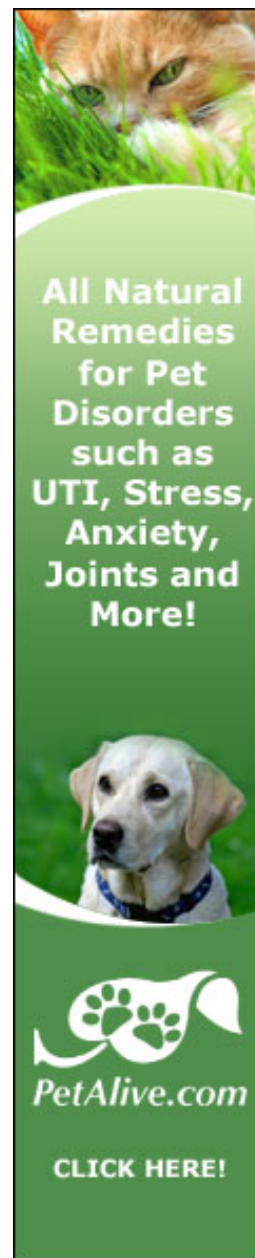
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