



Natural Help for...

Pet Bacterial Infections



What are Bacterial Infections?

Bacteria are single cell organisms that reproduce by dividing. There are good and harmful bacteria. Good bacteria can benefit your health and the environment, while **harmful bacteria cause illness and infection**. Pets just like humans often develop [bacterial infections](#), and if left untreated these infections can lead to more severe health complications.

The symptoms and [signs of bacterial infections](#) include:

- Fever
- Abscesses on the skin
- Wound infections
- Lack of appetite
- Coughing
- Runny nose or eyes
- Vomiting
- Infections of the skin, eyes, ears, urinary tract or respiratory system
- Inflammation and redness
- Lesions
- Pain and discomfort
- Lethargy and weakness

What Causes Bacterial Infections?

There are various [types of bacterial infections](#) affecting the skin, eye, ear, urinary tract, kidneys or nervous and respiratory system and these include:

Bacterial skin infections also known as pyodermas are caused by Staphylococci (Staph bacteria) and affect both dogs and cats. The Staph bacteria usually live harmlessly on the skin and as a result of itching, infection occurs. The common symptoms include yellow pustules, scabs, reddened skin and lesions. Fleas, ticks, allergies, weakened immune system, stress, poor diet and underlying illnesses may all contribute to bacterial skin infections. This infection is not contagious to humans or other animals.

Streptococcal infections are caused by streptococcus bacteria and commonly affect both cats and dogs. It is prevalent amongst young and old animals because they have weakened immune systems. In young animals, the immune system is not fully developed and not strong enough to fight off infection while in older animals the protective mechanisms have declined.

Staphylococcal infection is caused by Staphylococcus bacteria which can be found in the environment, in the upper respiratory tract of animals or on the skin of a host as a parasite. It affects both dogs and cats and is spread between animals

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and sometimes, humans.

Leptospirosis infection is caused by spirochete bacteria and is highly contagious. It is spread through the contamination of water or soil and the urine of carrier animals. Symptoms include fever, vomiting, lethargy, reddening of the mucous membranes and conjunctivitis. If not treated, it can lead to kidney inflammation. It affects dogs more than cats, and routine vaccinations are necessary to prevent the infection.

Actinmycosis infection is caused by Actinomyces bacteria and is normally found in the mouth. Nocardiosis infection is caused by nocardia bacteria and is found in the soil. In both these infections, the bacteria enter through a skin wound resulting in the lymph nodes becoming swollen. This infection may spread to the abdomen or chest where pus starts to build up.

Brucellosis infection is caused by Brucella canis and is most common in dogs kept in kennels. This infection usually occurs during breeding season and is spread through contaminated urine, vaginal discharge of a female or the semen of a male dog. Male dogs may experience fertility problems or develop prostatitis while infected pregnant females abort their fetuses or if born, puppies die shortly afterwards.

Diagnosing Bacterial Infections

The [diagnosis of bacterial infection](#) in cats and dogs is based on the symptoms, review of the medical history and thorough physical examination. Certain tests such as blood tests, cultures, skin biopsies, sensitivity testing or allergy testing may also be performed to **determine the cause of bacterial infection**. In addition, it may be necessary to perform other tests to rule out any other conditions.

Help for Bacterial Infections

Depending on the type of [bacterial infection](#), and your pet's overall health your vet may recommend various treatment options to **clear the infection**. Medications usually include a course of antibiotics and anti-inflammatories in the form of drops or topical ointments.

In the case of bacterial skin infections, allergy shots and certain shampoos may be prescribed to relieve symptoms. Making certain **dietary changes and including regular exercise** as part of your pet's daily routine can also strengthen the immune system and ward off infection.

Natural Remedies

Natural and holistic treatments have been used for centuries to support a healthy immune system. A combination of herbal ingredients are safe and gentle to use and address overall health and wellbeing. Herbs such as Taraxacum officinalis (Dandelion), Echinacea purpurea, Withania somnifera (Ashwagandha), and Sylibum marianus (Milk Thistle) help to **cleanse and purify the system, support immune functioning**, and maintain liver health.

There are a number ways for pet owners to reduce their risk



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.

of infection in dogs and cats:

- Feed your pet a high quality, all natural diet that is free of additives, preservatives and colorants
- Ensure that your pet always has fresh, clean water available
- Exercise your pet regularly -
- Use stainless steel food and water bowls instead of plastic – and always wash bowls thoroughly with warm, soapy water
- Keep your pet's living clean, dry and regularly disinfected
- Incorporate immune-building supplements into your dog or cat's diet to boost their immune system
- Always disinfect cuts or scrapes to avoid further infection
- Detox your pet regularly to eliminate unwanted toxins
- Visit your annually for a check-up
- Avoid situations overcrowded with other animals such as boarding facilities, dog or cat shows

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 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

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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.

"When a veterinary surgeon practices the use of homeopathic medicine and is asked why he does so, he may give one of several answers. The simple answer would be that the results are good, an emphatic answer would be that homeopathic treatment has no unpleasant or dangerous side effects, while still achieving successful results.

The [PetAlive Homeopathic range](#) has been formulated with this knowledge and is specifically designed to treat your pet in a holistic and natural manner."

Dr. Glenn Ferguson
M-Tech Homeopathy, Doctor of Chinese Medicine

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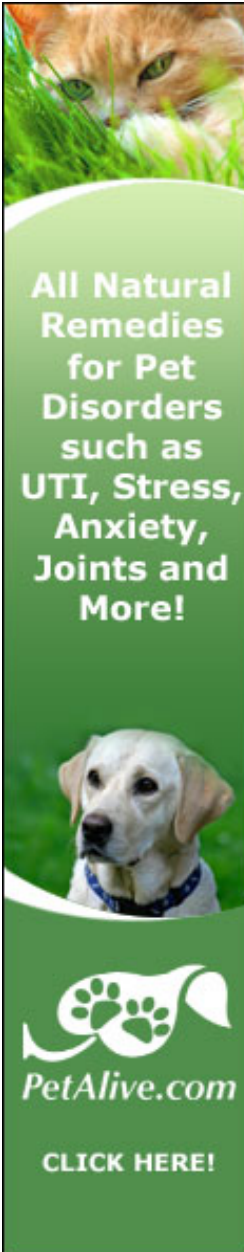
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