



Natural Help for...

Pet Breastfeeding



What is Breastfeeding?

So the new litter of kittens or puppies has finally arrived, and it doesn't take long before they are hungry and snuffling around for their first meal. [Breast feeding](#) will be the way in which your pet will **provide her litter with all their nutritional needs** over the next few weeks until they are able to move on to solid foods.

The first meal this litter of newborns will receive is colostrum which is a special type of milk that the mother produces especially for the first couple of days of [breast feeding](#). **Colostrum contains antibodies that will help protect the litter from illness** and infection until their own immune systems start to function.

Within about 48hrs, colostrum is replaced with mature milk which while lacking immune factors, contains all the appropriate **nutrients and calories needed for optimal growth** and development. New born puppies and kittens have demanding nutritional needs to support their energy levels and rapid growth rates.

What makes this even more taxing for nursing mothers is that many are not only nursing one offspring, but an entire litter which often range between 2 and 10 puppies or kittens. This means **that [breast feeding](#) can be quite taxing on a nursing pet** and it is quite common for them to lose weight during this time.

What Problems Can Occur During Breastfeeding?

There are few **problems that can occur in the production of milk** (lactation) as well as during the process of [breast feeding](#). It is therefore important to keep a close watch on the litter and the [breast feeding](#) mother so that you can pick up on any problems and take necessary measures.

- *Lactation problems* – These include lactation failure, where no milk is produced, lactation depression where inadequate amounts of milk are produced, and deficient milk where quality of the milk is poor and lacking in nutrients. Puppies and kittens who are not receiving enough nutrients through breast feeding cry often and may seem frequently agitated. Monitoring weight gains in the litter to determine if they are developing at normal growth rates.
- *Eclampsia* – Unlike in humans where eclampsia is associated with blood pressure, eclampsia in dogs and cats is related to the levels of calcium present in the blood. In pets with large litters or those with nutritional problems, the majority of the calcium is lost to the milk so that the litter receives their nutritional needs. However, this can have a negative impact on the mother and can result in health problems such as muscle tremors and

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seizures. If not treated Eclampsia can be life threatening.

- *Mastitis* – Mastitis is an inflammation or infection of the mammary glands. This can be a serious problem as the infection can contaminate the milk causing illness in the kittens or puppies. The mother can also become quite ill if the infection is not treated and the litter is likely to suffer due to maternal neglect or malnutrition.

Help for Breastfeeding

The most important thing that you can do for your [breast feeding](#) cat or dog is to **provide them with a nutritionally rich diet** and a constant supply of fresh water. Most [breast feeding pets](#) will eat on average between 1.5 and 3 times what they would normally eat in order to meet their own nutritional needs as well as those of their litter.

After about 5-6 weeks of [breast feeding](#), most kittens and puppies will start showing an **interest in solid foods and this is usually when the weaning process begins**. Once they become more accustomed to solid foods, they will breast feed less, and as a result, the nursing mother should start to eat less. Most litters are completely weaned by 8 weeks.

Natural Remedies

There are a number of herbal and homeopathic remedies that can assist with the smooth process of [breast feeding](#). Milk Thistle is an example of an herb that helps **prompt the production of milk from breast feeding mothers**, and because it also supports liver health, it helps to reduce the amount of toxins passed through the milk to the litter.

Another recommended herb for [breast feeding pets](#) is Goat's Rue which **promotes milk production and encourages a steady flow** for milk. It is also an effective at guarding against illness and infections and can help prevent infections such as mastitis in nursing pets.

Fennel and Borage are also useful in both the production of milk and the recovery process after birth. Both these herbal ingredients **help with digestive functioning and bowel regulation**, while Borage has excellent anti-inflammatory properties to assist with recovery.

Tips for lactating and nursing pets

- It is common for some puppies and kittens to be more dominant and pushy than others, and as a result, the weakest of the litter may not get its fair share of milk or colostrum. It is therefore important to keep an eye on the litter and intervene if one pup or kitten is being left out.
- The best thing you can do for your [breast feeding pet](#) is to provide them with a healthy diet containing sufficient calories and nutrients as well as a constant supply of fresh water. Drinking will also help to encourage milk production, and it's vital for her to be constantly replacing lost fluids.
- You can help to prevent mastitis by keeping the whelping area and nipples clean. If you do notice any problems, then seek prompt veterinary attention.



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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.

- Calcium supplements are sometimes recommended for breast feeding mothers as they can help to prevent eclampsia, however, it is important to discuss correct dosages with your vet before hand.
- Cats and dogs generally make great moms and tend to have very strong maternal instincts. Do not feel offended if your beloved and loyal pet tries to snap, growl or hiss at you for trying to touch her litter, she is only doing her job!
- Keep a close eye on the progress of the puppies or kittens. Those that cry continuously are either hungry or cold and you may need to step in to help. Remember that if the pups or kittens fail to gain weight or show signs of hunger, you may need to determine if there are any lactation problems and address them swiftly.

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 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!

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

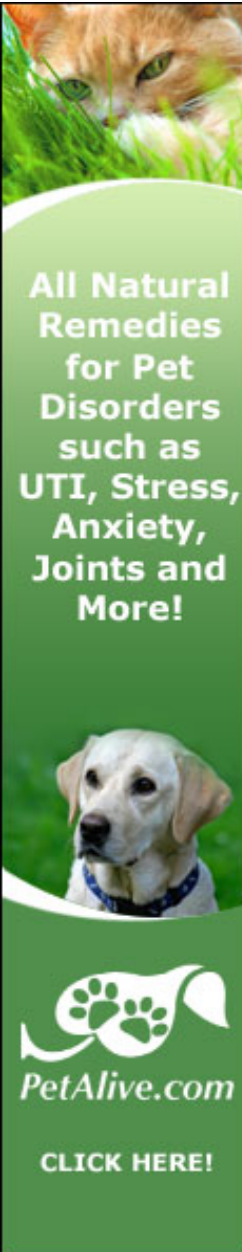
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