



Natural Help for...



Biting Pets

What Causes Pets to Bite?

Dogs and cats cannot speak or vocalize their discomfort like humans can. They growl (dogs) or hiss (cats) to let us know when they are not happy, guarding their territory or threatened. While **most dogs growl as a warning before biting**, some may be overtly aggressive and threatening – often biting indiscriminately.

Puppies tend to bite as a means of exploration as they are not used to their jaw strength. Cats too can be prone to [aggressive behavior](#) and biting. This can result in problems in the household not to mention **potentially disastrous consequences** outside the home, endangering other animals and humans.

Some [causes of biting in pets](#) include:

- Provocation (the animal feels threatened and defends itself from perceived danger)
- Pain (animals who have unseen injury may view an approaching person as the inflictor of the pain)
- Abuse (a previously neglected animal may be more aggressive and prone to bite)
- Illness – unprovoked biting (rabies and certain conditions may cause an animal to bite indiscriminately without cause)
- [Aggressive behavior](#) (poor training in early years may lead to aggressive behavior)
- Food removal (an animal may view an approaching individual as a threat to food source if they are not fed regularly or have a history of abuse.)
- Hormonal levels - dogs that have not been spayed or neutered are three times more likely to bite

Help for Biting

Many conventional treatments are available for [aggressive behavior](#) and your vet may prescribe tranquilizer-type medication or **nervous system relaxants**. Keep in mind these are strong drugs and may be accompanied by side effects and may not be suitable for animals with a heart condition.

Natural remedies

[Aggressive behavior](#) and biting need not mean harsh drugs for your pet. There are many natural herbal and homeopathic therapies and remedies suited to **help calm your pet and discourage biting**.

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encouraging calm behavior while also **soothing tempered pets**, while *Matricaria recutita* (Chamomilla) is a medicinal herb used to facilitate soothed behavior in your pet and discourage aggression.

Homeopathic ingredients such as Belladonna, Arsen alb. and Hepar. Sulph help to **address oversensitive animals** that are prone to 'hissy fits' and that tend to manifest physically in the form of scratching or hissing as well as those who take unreasonable likes or dislikes to others.

Tips for preventing biting in dogs

- Always obtain a dog from a reputable breeder with a proven track record with regards to temperament. If you adopt from a charity organization where the animal is likely to have a history of abuse, discuss their socialization with the trainers or behaviorists.
- Spay or neuter your dog (ideally before 9 months of age)
- Subject your dog to obedience and socialization training (from as early as 12 weeks)
- Seek help from a properly qualified animal behavior specialist when the first [signs of aggression](#) appear – do not wait until your [dog bites](#) someone.
- If your dog is aggressive make sure the dog can't escape from your property and use a muzzle when appropriate (trips to the vet)
- Never tap or smack a dog's nose as punishment for nipping as this tends to trigger instinctive biting in self-defense
- Be aware of a female dog that is in heat and in the proximity of a male dog. *Do not let people, particularly small children, interact with a male dog or a bitch, when the male is near a female that is actively in heat.*

Tips for parents with regards to aggressive dogs

Dogs that have killed cats and show predatory tendencies should be kept away from toddlers and children. The dog's predatory tendencies should to be addressed immediately with behaviorists and medication if necessary.

- If you dog lacks a proven tract record of 100% acceptable non-aggressive behavior then keep the dog away from children who do not know the dog that well,
- Instruct your children not to approach dogs that are feeding, or in possession of an object such a bone or toy, or when a dog is resting or sleeping.
- Teach children to treat dogs in a humane and caring manner and to respect a dog or cat's personal space. Animal abuse should never be tolerated.

Tips for puppies that bite

When a **puppy bites during play** do not yell or whine, as this may cause the pup to think it is part of the game. Instead, say a firm "Ouch" or "No" and stop playing. When the puppy has settled, resume playing.

The Natural Approach

While Western medicine has become the norm in many cultures, it is not the only



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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.

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! 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.

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