



Natural Help for...

Pet Flea Bite Dermatitis



What is Flea Bite Dermatitis?

The most [common allergy](#) seen in dogs and cats is caused by fleas. Flea-bite dermatitis is a skin condition caused by an [allergic reaction](#) to the flea's saliva, which contains up to 15 allergens! And the worst part is that it only takes one bite from one flea to set off an **allergic reaction that will leave your pet feeling itchy** and uncomfortable for anywhere between a couple of hours to many days.

In many cases, pet owners are not even aware that their pet has fleas because they are such difficult parasites to control. Also remember that allergic reactions can take between 3 and 7 days to appear after exposure to the allergen. Symptoms to watch out for are **excessive scratching and biting** at the skin or fur.

Your pet's coat may also thin, especially in the area above the tail, and they may even experience a generalized hair loss all over their body. Other symptoms include red, inflamed skin, rashes, thickening of the skin and / or small bumps on the skin.

What Causes Flea Bite Dermatitis?

Just like mosquitoes, fleas bite their hosts and suck the blood for nutrition and when they do, they leave small traces of saliva under the skin. Sensitivity to any one of the **15 allergens present in flea saliva** can cause an [allergic reaction](#) in a sensitive pet. Studies have shown that up to 40% of dogs have [flea bite allergies](#), and it is something that can develop at any age.

Diagnosing Flea Bite Dermatitis

Diagnosing flea-bite dermatitis will entail a thorough examination by your pet's veterinarian and a detailed description of the symptoms and when they occur. An [allergy](#) test may also help to determine if your **pet is allergic to any other allergens**. The veterinarian may also perform some standard blood tests and skin scrapings to rule out other conditions such as fungal, yeast or bacterial infections.

Help for Flea Bite Dermatitis

Obviously the first course of treatment is to get rid of the fleas, but this is easier said than done. One female flea can lay over 2000 eggs in her life span which means infestation can occur rapidly. It is therefore **essential to regularly treat your pets for fleas**, as well as treating their immediate environments. Once your pet is on a good flea control program, it is not uncommon for them to still get the occasional [flea bite](#) which can then be treated.

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Conventional Treatments

The conventional methods of treating flea-bite dermatitis usually include using antihistamines, or in severe cases oral steroids which can be used to **help manage the itching**. If a hot spot develops as a result of the dermatitis, then oral antibiotics may be prescribed. Some of these pharmaceutical medications may have unwanted side-effects so be sure to ask your veterinarian of any known risks and explore alternatives.

Natural Remedies

Many pet owners are turning to natural ingredients to treat their pets in order to avoid the side effects of many prescription medications. Luckily there are a number of gentle and soothing herbal ingredients that can help to **soothe your pet's skin** and support overall skin health.

German Chamomile is one such herb that has been used for centuries to **soothe and cleanse the skin**. Other herbs such as Cleavers, Marigold and Witchhazel have also shown to be beneficial to skin health and have strong soothing and restorative properties.

Tips for flea-bite dermatitis

- Cool water baths may help dogs suffering with [flea bite dermatitis](#). Make sure that the water is cool, and not cold.
- If your pet has flea-bit dermatitis then monitor them closely for any signs of infection as excessive scratching and grooming can result in lesions which can quickly become infected.
- Use a pet-friendly flea control product on your pet regularly to avoid infestation. Your veterinarian or local vet shop will be able to advise you on an appropriate product.
- Treat your house regularly with a safe anti-flea product, and wash any pet bedding regularly. Frequent vacuuming can also help reduce the chances of flea infestation.

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



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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.

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.

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

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