



# Natural Help for...



## Pet Fur Balls

### What are Fur Balls?

**Fur balls** are most commonly associated with cats, but may also affect dogs. A **cat has an intrinsic instinct to groom** its coat – helping to get rid of unsightly burs and knots. The cat has a raspy tongue, like sandpaper – helping to brush the coat and dislodge small debris. The licking of the coat means that a fair amount of hair is swallowed.

**Fur balls** are usually harmless, causing mild discomfort; however in severe rare cases a cat may be unable to pass the fur ball – causing an **obstruction in the gastrointestinal tract**. *This would warrant medical attention and may even require surgery. If there is any change in the pattern of fur balls, or your pet experiences weight loss, diarrhea or a picky appetite, consult with your vet.*

Conventional treatment may include laxatives (never give your pet laxatives without consulting your vet – as it may result in serious harm or dehydration!) Your vet may prescribe drugs that **enhance gut motility** – however this may disturb the delicate balance in the digestive system.

### What Causes Fur Balls?

Most hair is passed through the digestive system; however some hair may get **trapped in the throat or stomach** and combine to form a hairball. This occurs more frequently in longhaired, young to middle-aged cats. This fur ‘ball’ accumulates and when it reaches a certain size, the body attempts to eliminate it from the digestive tract.

### Diagnosing Fur Balls

This **usually causes retching and heaving** for the cat or dog, resulting in vomiting. The fur ball is usually cylindrical in shape and may or may not be mixed with semi-digested food. Irritable skin (eczema or flea bite dermatitis) or psychological disorders (stress and anxiety) can cause a cat to groom excessively.

### Help for Fur Balls

#### Natural Remedies

Natural treatment provides a gentle yet effective [solution to fur balls](#). Psyllium nigrum is a very high source of dietary fiber while Aloe ferox (a well known medicinal herb native to South Africa) is known for its **beneficial effect on digestive functioning**. Nux vom is a proven homeopathic remedy often prescribed for indigestion, diarrhea, constipation, vomiting, violent retching and

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abdominal cramps.

## Tips related to fur balls

A number of steps can be taken to help [prevent fur balls](#). Here are some helpful tips:

- Groom your pets frequently. Try to start when the pet is young – but it is never too late to groom. The more loose hair you brush off, the less likely a fur ball is to occur as a result of ingested hair!
- Use a rubber brush. It is soft and will not cause much discomfort (great for the cat and it works wonders for removing pet dander from carpets and furniture!)
- Dry foods can help reduce the formation of fur balls in the gut. These foods help to “sweep” the fur along the intestines in the right direction.

## 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



### 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.

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

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