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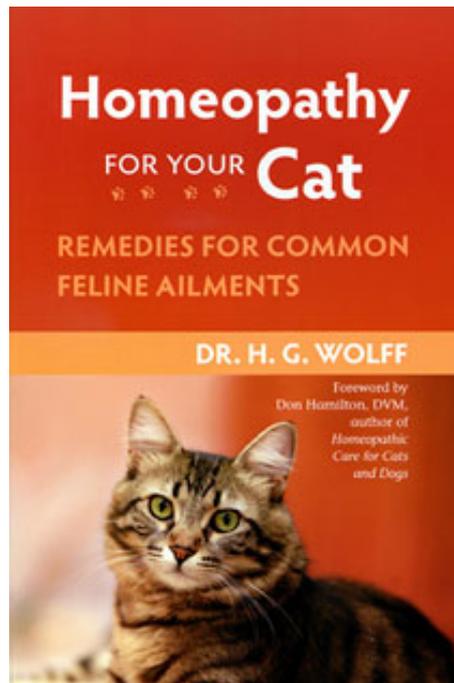
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Introduction

Why Homeopathy Helps Your Cat

Homeopathy was developed by Dr. Samuel Hahnemann for human patients. The first principle discovered by Dr. Hahnemann was that "each disease is most safely, quickly and comfortably cured by the remedy—in minute doses—which, given large doses, produces a reaction in the healthy body that most closely resembles the symptoms in question."

Hahnemann's first principle is as follows:

"May like to be cured by like."

Since Hahnemann made this truly revolutionary discovery more than 180 years ago, homeopathy has cured millions of people.

In the process, it was necessary to test the remedies on healthy people to discover their effect so they could subsequently be used to cure similar symptoms. Only in this way was it possible to make homeopathic remedies serviceable.

Hahnemann, his coworkers and successors have taken great pains to continue such thorough testing, so that today sick people all over the world may benefit. Maybe you have been helped by homeopathic medicine.

But how is it possible to apply homeopathic methods to pets?

The human being details the medical profile exactly during testing. Along with the primary symptoms, some subjective symptoms manifest themselves which an animal cannot describe.

Because there are universal laws of nature, it is possible and even predictable that some similar characteristic, objective, visible

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symptoms of human beings also appear in other animals. Since humans and animals display many of the same symptoms during testing, the results of medical tests on humans can often be transferred to cats. Animals can be cured with medications tested on humans—a happy circumstance for cat owners since the conventional medications offered by the pharmaceutical industry have been tested on thousands of laboratory animals. Considering all the drug testing that animals must experience, it seems appropriate that the animal world can now enjoy the benefits of what animals have more than paid for.

If you proceed according to the homeopathic method of healing, it is necessary to administer the smallest possible potent dose since this will be sufficient to eliminate and cure the symptoms which resemble the remedy.

In other words: side-effects, an overdose of medication, a poisoning, or other similar complications are unthinkable.

The field of homeopathic medicine is so large that only the most important principles can be introduced in this book. However, its contents are more than sufficient to keep a cat healthy.

At the beginning, a disorder should be treated without delay. If this occurs, the worst can often be avoided. This volume should not replace the veterinarian, but hopefully it can help the cat owner provide first aid for his pet, much to his own satisfaction; after all, the health of our pets is an important part of our own health.

Maybe you have also heard from the wise men of our time that all of the undeniable successes of homeopathy are derived from autosuggestion. If the patient firmly believes that the medicine helps him, then maybe it really does help him.

But these wise men will quickly become confounded when you ask them how homeopathy can cure animals too. An animal, maybe a cat, is given a medicine about which it knows nothing. A substance, whose purpose is unknown to the animal, is mixed into its food and its illness and pain are alleviated.

Thus, one can no longer truly attribute homeopathy's success to the power of suggestion and autosuggestion. Quite often, in fact, when administering medication to animals, it must be done in such a way that they notice nothing, otherwise they will refuse it. Animals are cured by homeopathic remedies because these remedies are effective, not because of the power of suggestion.

Hahnemann, the founder of this "medicine of the future," made his discovery 180 years ago. Today it is still ahead of its time. Even for those people who have been cured by homeopathy, for those who are aware of its effects, it cannot be reconciled with contemporary canonical scientific knowledge. The natural sciences still cannot explain how the remedies work. This does not disturb people familiar with homeopathy, however, for they have witnessed millions of cures in the course of the decades. For the thankful patients, the true believers, this is already proof enough.

You should know this and take heart. Your cat will be treated with homeopathic remedies that can only help, and in no way hurt her.

Hahnemann says that only an inexperienced observer could believe "that animals cannot inform us just as well and precisely about their symptoms as human beings. They do not have a language, but the number of noticeable changes in their expressions, their behavior, and their performance of natural, bestial, and life functions more than makes up for their lack of language. Since an animal knows nothing of play-acting, it does not exaggerate its pain, hide its feelings, or lie about complaints which are not there, as do human beings spoiled by education and morals who are sometimes inclined to alter their responses according to their moods. What becomes clear is that the symptoms an animal expresses present an honest picture of its inner condition and illness.

"Furthermore, animals are in our power. They must follow the diet we prescribe for them. They cannot lie to us or deceive us as human beings can when they have hidden symptoms about which the doctor knows nothing.

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"Homeopathic methods for animals are, in a word, exactly as safe and sure as they are for human beings."

There then follows a paragraph which ensures Hahnemann's place in the company of early animal-rights advocates and puts him alongside his contemporary, Goethe. In an era in which many people would do anything to animals that he desired, Goethe says that "even the poor animals, who cannot exact justice from their tormentors, have earned the pity of the citizens of the world."

Goethe's first mention of the protection of animals was a passing remark:

"Whosoever tortures animals has no soul,
and the good spirit of God is not in him.
Even should he look deep inside himself,
one can never trust him."

This still holds true today, but unfortunately, much has changed since then.

Remedies

Homeopathy employs a variety of raw materials, including the following:

- 1) a. mineral substances such as gold, arsenic, mercury, and sulfur.
b. vegetable materials such as *Belladonna* (deadly nightshade), *Allium cepa* (onion), and *Thuja* (tree of life).
c. animal substances such as *Apis* (the honeybee), snake venoms such as *Lachesis* and *Crotalus*, or *Spongia* (deep sea sponges).
- 2) These substances are prepared according to homeopathic methods—by shaking and grinding into simultaneous potency and denaturation and mixing with a neutral base (water, alcohol, lactose).

All kinds of animals love the lactose preparations, especially the tablets and triturations (powders).

3) The *Materia medica* documents the totality of symptoms discovered in pharmacological tests for all homeopathic remedies. It is constantly being expanded. In the human *materia medica* we find:

a. subjective symptoms including changes in the psyche or moods, abnormal sensations, or pains. All of these symptoms are not available to the veterinarian. Therefore he must rely on the objective symptoms.

b. objective symptoms such as thirst, vomiting, diarrhea, coughs, loss of hair, etc.

4) Modalities

These are improvements or deteriorations due to movement, quiet rest, touch, the atmosphere, etc. They are important criteria upon which the choice between two related remedies may be made.

5) Organ-Specific Remedies

These have a specific curative effect on a particular organ.

IMPORTANT NOTE: There are numerous homeopathic medicines that are available and legal in Europe but not in the United States.

* next to the name of a medicine indicates that this substance is available only by prescription from a veterinary physician or another doctor who can legally prescribe drugs. (Medical doctors can prescribe these drugs in every state, and naturopathic physicians can prescribe them in approximately ten states.)

** next to the name of a medicine indicates that this substance is not available at all to any licensed or unlicensed person in the U.S.

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A medicine is not legal here either because it has not been formally tested and accepted by the Homeopathic Pharmacopeia Convention of the United States, or because the original ingredient is an FDA-controlled substance, even in the homeopathic infinitesimal dose, as is the case with **Opium**.

Selection of a Remedy

In order to select the correct remedy, it is necessary to examine the patient and describe all symptoms he displays. Then one consults the *materia medica* to find the remedy which elicits similar symptoms.

This task is difficult and tiresome, especially at the beginning, because unfortunately homeopathy can be neither easily nor quickly learned.

The doctor—whether for the human or other animal—must invest much time and energy in familiarizing himself or herself with the remedies so that the appropriate remedy in any given case can be quickly discerned.

You as a cat owner and medical layman need not take such pains.

It is the purpose of this book to name the remedy most likely to cure each illness of your cat. Specialists speak of "proven indications," which in the majority of cases will provide reliable help. If you know these or learn them by reading about them, the work of homeopathic medicine is made easy.

If you wish to learn more about homeopathy, you will find sufficient resources in the list of references at the back of this book.

Potency

There are a variety of potencies created from the raw materials by grinding or, in the case of a tincture, by shaking. Through dilution and denaturizing comes the increasing strength of the remedy.

In general, 6 is the potency appropriate for home treatment.

Should another potency have proven effective in one case or another, it will be clearly indicated (e.g. **Berberis 3 or Baptisia 3** or 30). Otherwise, the potency for all homeopathic remedies discussed here is 6. If you do not have the specific potency recommended and it is not immediately available, use the closest possible potency available to you.

Only after considerable experience can you be assured that you will make the right choice at a critical moment. It is best if you perform your first experiments with homeopathic treatment of cats in cases of very simple illnesses. You will soon see what the effects are and become more confident about the remedies and your ability to administer them.

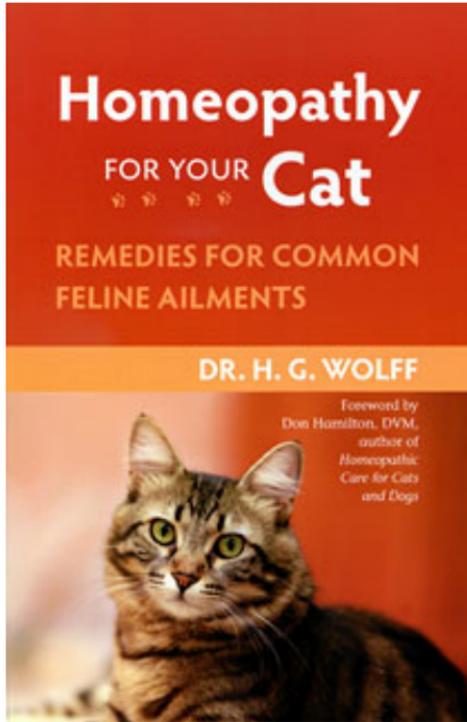
This book provides information on how to treat simple conditions as well as life-threatening problems. The advice given is not meant to take the place of proper veterinary care, but to supplement it. Remember, although this book may prove to be invaluable to you and to your cat, you are not yet an expert when you have this book and use it to seek out remedies!

It may be that after you experience the favorable effects of these remedies upon your cat, you will decide homeopathy is the thing for you in case of illness. Perhaps you will look around to see whether you can find an appropriate doctor.

Maybe one day you will owe your health to the simple fact that you consulted this book in order to help your cat.

Dosage

In the beginning in cases of acute and rapidly developing illness, administer one dosage every hour approximately three to five times. Once improvement is noticeable, increase the interval between dosages—if necessary, administer three times a day during the ensuing days.



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